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DOLE SAYS TIME TO GO TO AID OF RHODESIA IS NOW

Washington, D.C. -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said today that recent developments in Africa demonstrate that "the time is at hand for this administration to openly endorse the Rhodesian internal settlement, to help ensure that democracy will prevail in southern Africa."

Dole said Soviet-Cuban successes in Angola and Ethiopia, and the recent support of insurgent attacks against Zaire, "indicate that aggression will continue and, in all likelihood, will next be directed against Rhodesia, Namibia, and other points in southern Africa."

"With more than 40,000 Cuban troops now positioned at strategic points in central and northeastern Africa, and with training for Marxist rebels already underway in Zambia, we might expect an assault soon against Rhodesia unless the United States and our Western allies express support for the biracial interim government now struggling to survive."

President Under Pressure

In a related vein, Dole said that recent press reports about an administration "freeze" on SALT negotiations so long as Soviet actions in Africa persist "are clearly designed to place public pressure upon the President, to attempt to move him away from his new hard-line position towards the Soviet Union."

"Obviously, there are those within some White House circles who fear a 'get tough' attitude towards the Soviets, and want to see the President return to the bankrupt policies of equivocation", Dole said. "For this reason, they are relaying somber forebodings to the media. For the sake of our national interests, I hope the President persists in holding the Soviets responsible for their irresponsible aggression in Africa."