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## DEADLOCKED EAST-WEST TALKS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today claimed that a deadlock that has set into the second East West conference to review the progress of detente under the Helsinki Accords could have been predicted last summer. At a special meeting called then by Dole, a commission member, the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe -- the "Helsinki Commission" - heard testimony calling for postponement of the Madrid Conference designed to monitor compliance with the human rights treaty signed at Helsinki by then-President Ford, Soviet leader Brezhnev and 33 other countries. Saying it would be inappropriate and nonproductive to hold the month-long conference in light of "this delicate time in international relations", Dole has suggested "the invasion of independent Afghanistan by Soviet troops would make the conference a charade and a forum for polemics that could do irreparable harm to the spirit of the Helsinki process."

Dole said today, "Not only is it true that this impasse could have been predicted months ago, but that we can expect the stalemate to become much worse during the Madrid conference itself. I still contend, with even greater conviction than before, that the conference should have been postponed until the Soviet Union makes an effort to reaffirm its commitment to the final act of the Helsinki Accords."

"During the past several months, the Soviet Union has not merely failed to observe the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act, it has flaunted its disdain of the other CSCE members' desire to establish recognition of human rights and to develop a strategy for world peace. In fact, it would appear that the Soviet Union has set out to act in direct contradiction to the principles of the accord, as a roll call of the titles in the document will testify: 'human rights and fundamental freedoms,' 'equal rights and self-determination of peoples,' 'sovereign equality,' 'refraining from the threat or use of force,' 'inviolability of frontier,' 'territorial integrity of states,' and 'nonintervention in internal affairs.' The Soviet Union's record makes its signature a mockery to the titles of the Helsinki Act. In its invasion of Afghanistan and its harassment of its own citizens (for the 'crime' of wanting to emigrate from its repressive rule) the Soviet Union has managed to violate seven of the principle resolutions in the act."

The stalemate occurred last Friday when East Germany proposed a Soviet-backed agenda timetable that would drastically reduce review of compliance by signatory countries of the human rights accords that were set forth in the 1975 Helsinki Conference.