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HAIG A GOOD CHOICE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE, WILL BE CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON-- President-elect Ronald Reagan's choice of former Gen. Alexander Haig as Secretary of State is "a good one," according to Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

"Designating General Haig as this nation's next Secretary of State is a way of sending the Soviet Union a clear message," Senator Dole said. "General Haig had a good reputation as NATO Commander and he was a stabilizing influence during the transition period between the Nixon and Ford Administrations," Dole added.

Confirmation

With respect to Senate confirmation Senator Dole said, "I know of nothing that would prevent Gen. Haig from getting a strong confirmation vote. Of course there should and will be a full and thorough investigation by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The tough questions will be asked. But assuming there are no unforeseen 'bombshells', Gen. Haig will have no trouble getting confirmed. And I have no reason to expect there will be any problems."

Dole added, "I hope some Senate Democrats aren't going to use the Haig nomination for their own partisan purposes. As columnist Joseph Kraft pointed out in today's Washington Post, the Haig nomination offers an opportunity to put the past behind us. 'Haig obviously possesses the qualifications to be Secretary of State,' Kraft wrote. Indeed he does. And I trust he will be judged on that basis," said Dole.