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## DOLE SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S DECISION

The following is a statement by Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) on President Reagan's decision to send U.S. troops to the Middle East:

I agree with President Reagan that the United States must provide leadership in attempting to restore peace in the Middle East. Although sending American troops back to Lebanon is not without risk, there is an overriding interest that must be addressed. Perhaps the grim realities of this past week will encourage Prime Minister Begin to cooperate with the United States in efforts to end the needless bloodshed.