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DOLE CALLS ON ETHIOPIANS TO ALLOW FAMILY REUNIFICATION

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KAN.) TODAY SENT A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF ETHIOPIA'S PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, URGING THE REUNIFICATION OF ETHIOPIAN JEWS WITH THEIR FAMILIES LIVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES. DOLE NOTED THIS WAS A "HUMANITARIAN" ISSUE, NOT A POLITICAL ONE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER.

His Excellency Haile-Mariam Mengistu
Chairman
Provisional Military Administrative Council
Socialist Ethiopia
Addis Ababa

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Like many Americans, I am deeply concerned about the question of the reunification of Jews now living in Ethiopia with their families residing in other countries.

It is my understanding that you have told visiting members of our Congress that you have no objection to the establishment of an effective program of family reunification for these people. Certainly the peoples of my country and the world, who have already responded generously to the food shortage problems which tragically affected Ethiopia, would again respond positively if you were to facilitate the establishment of such a reunification program.

Mr. Chairman, this is not a political issue but a purely humanitarian one. Its prompt resolution would be of benefit not only to the involved family members but, in my view, to your Government as well.

I look forward to hearing from you about any thoughts you might have on how to establish a process to effect the reunification of these deserving families.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dole'.

BOB DOLE
United States Senate