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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

NICK DANILOFF MUST BE FREED

DANILOFF'S INDICTMENT OMINOUS DEVELOPMENT

YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN MOSCOW THAT NICK DANILOFF, THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT CORRESPONDENT ILLEGALLY DETAINED BY THE RUSSIANS, HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR ESPIONAGE RAISES THIS MATTER TO A NEW AND MUCH MORE OMINOUS LEVEL, BOTH FOR DANILOFF PERSONALLY AND FOR U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

IT'S HIGH TIME THAT THE KREMLIN UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS CRUEL GAME IT IS PLAYING WITH AN INNOCENT MAN'S LIFE HAS OUTRAGED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS AND IS ENDANGERING CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE UP-COMING SUMMIT. IT'S HIGH TIME THAT SOVIET LEADER GORBACHEV WAKES UP TO THE STAKES NOW ON THE TABLE AND PUTS A LITTLE SANITY BACK INTO THE RUSSIANS' HANDLING OF THIS MATTER.

DANILOFF MUST BE FREED

NICK DANILOFF IS INNOCENT -- THERE'S NOT A SHRED OF CREDIBLE EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY. NICK DANILOFF'S CASE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION TO THE CASE OF THE SOVIET SPY RECENTLY CAUGHT AT THE U.N. -- TO EQUATE THEM IS SO UNJUSTIFIED AS TO BE LUDICROUS. NICK DANILOFF SHOULD BE FREED -- IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER NICK DANILOFF WAS DETAINED, I CABLED GORBACHEV, URGING HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO GORBACHEV, AS HAVE MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, JOURNALISTS AND PRIVATE AMERICANS. I ALSO SENT A TELEGRAM TO U.S. NEWS EXECUTIVE EDITOR MORT ZUCKERMAN, PROMISING HIM THAT THE SENATE WAS NOT GOING TO IGNORE THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

DANILOFF RESOLUTION

THE SENATE CANNOT IGNORE THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE ARE NOW CIRCULATING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WHAT I THINK WILL BE THE UNANIMOUS FEELING OF THIS BODY THAT NICK DANILOFF SHOULD BE RELEASED, IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, AS A MATTER OF JUSTICE AND IN THE INTERESTS OF WORKABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND THE U.S.S.R. I URGE ALL SENATORS TO JOIN IN CO-SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION, SO THE KREMLIN GETS THE MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR.

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