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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ON DANILOFF AND TERRORIST INCIDENTS

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS ON RESOLUTIONS

IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS, UNDER THE AGREEMENT WE REACHED YESTERDAY, WE WILL VOTE ON BOTH THE DANILOFF AND TERRORISM RESOLUTIONS. I EXPECT THAT BOTH THESE RESOLUTIONS WILL PASS BY UNANIMOUS, OR NEAR-UNANIMOUS, VOTES, AS THEY SHOULD. AND I WOULD ASK, AT THIS POINT, THAT THE FOLLOWING SENATORS BE LISTED AS COSPONSORS ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS: SENATORS THURMOND, D'AMATO, HAWKINS, HEINZ, ABDNOR, SPECTER, SYMMS, AND MATTINGLY.

NEW TERRORIST ATTACKS UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLUTION

IN THE CASE OF THE TERRORISM RESOLUTION, THE EVENTS OF THE PAST 24 HOURS UNDERSCORE AGAIN THAT AMERICANS, AS WELL AS OTHER INNOCENT PEOPLE, ARE UNDER ATTACK AROUND THE WORLD AND THAT OUR FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IS STILL FAR FROM WON. YET ANOTHER AMERICAN CIVILIAN, FRANK HERBERT REED, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN KIDNAPPED IN BEIRUT. AND THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER WAVE OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY THE BLOODY ATTACK ON THE PARIS CITY HALL.

YESTERDAY, WE AGREED THAT THE TERRORISM RESOLUTION WOULD NOT BE OPEN TO AMENDMENT, BUT -- IN LIGHT OF THESE EVENTS -- I WOULD ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT ONE AMENDMENT DEALING WITH THE BEIRUT KIDNAPPING BE IN ORDER. I SEND THAT AMENDMENT TO THE DESK AT THIS TIME AND ASK THAT IT BE READ AND INCORPORATED IN THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON PASSAGE.

I HOPE THAT PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL SEND ONE PARTICULAR MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR, BOTH TO OUR ALLIES AND TO THE TERRORISTS THEMSELVES, WHETHER THEY'RE IN KARACHI OR BEIRUT OR TRIPOLI OR WHEREVER. THE U.S. SENATE WANTS, AND IS PREPARED TO BACK, STRONG, EFFECTIVE AND TARGETTED ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE CLEARLY SHOWN TO BE SUPPORTING TERRORISM.

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THE U.S. WANTS TO ACT WITH OTHER NATIONS -- OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS, AS WELL AS COUNTRIES LIKE THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH ARE OUR ADVERSARIES BUT HAVE JUST AS MUCH LONG-TERM STAKE IN THIS MATTER AS WE DO. BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO ACT ALONE, IF THAT IS NECESSARY, TO DEFEND AMERICAN LIVES AND AMERICAN INTERESTS. WE SENT THAT MESSAGE IN OUR AIR RAID ON LIBYA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. IF NEED BE, WE'RE READY TO SEND THE MESSAGE AGAIN.

MESSAGE TO KREMLIN ON DANILOFF: ENOUGH

THE DANILOFF RESOLUTION HAS A MUCH-NEEDED MESSAGE, TOO, AIMED POINT BLANK AT THE KREMLIN LEADERSHIP. THE MESSAGE CAN BE SUMMED UP IN ONE SIMPLE WORD: ENOUGH -- ENOUGH OF THIS RECKLESS GAMESMANSHIP, WHICH IS SERIOUSLY UNDERMINING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AT A CRITICAL TIME AND THREATENING THE SUMMIT; ENOUGH PLAYING AROUND WITH AN INNOCENT PERSON'S LIFE.

I'M SURE THERE ARE SOME RUSSIAN RAMBOS WHO THINK WE ARE BLUFFING; WHO TELL EACH OTHER THAT THE AMERICANS ARE NOT GOING TO RISK THE SUMMIT OVER ONE AMERICAN'S FREEDOM. WELL, LET MR. GORBACHEV AND HIS CRONIES UNDERSTAND THIS: NEITHER THIS SENATOR NOR, I THINK, ANY OTHER SENATOR IS GOING TO URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SIT DOWN WITH MR. GORBACHEV WHILE AN INNOCENT AMERICAN IS LANGUISHING AWAY IN SOME SOVIET JAIL.

I URGE ALL SENATORS TO VOTE FOR BOTH OF THESE RESOLUTIONS.