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## SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION EXPECTED TOMORROW

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS)
ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL DECIDE TOMORROW WHETHER TO CALL
FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Senator Dole today met with President Reagan and Chief-of-Staff Don Regan to discuss the most expedient way to get the special Iranian arms sales panel off the ground. "The President wants to get the process underway to demonstrate, once again, his determination to get all the facts and to put the issue to rest."

"During the day Senator Byrd (D-W. Va.) and I discussed ways we could informally begin the process of naming, staffing, and authorizing the committee."

Among the points Senator Dole and Senator Byrd agreed to were:

- o Thirteen member committee; 7 Democrats, 6 Republicans (including an ex-officio member from each party.)
- O Leadership staff would begin to draft a resolution authorizing the select committee immediately.
- O Announcement of committee membership no later than December 15.
- o Resolution creating the committee to be taken up January 6 if no special session.
  - o Begin the search for key staffers.

"The rationale for the select committee is to centralize investigations and inquiries into the Iranian arms sales. The President, I and Senator Byrd agree that overlapping inquiries by other Senate committees should be avoided."