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SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE VERDICT IN THE TRIAL OF FOUR LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICERS ACCUSED OF BEATING RODNEY KING:

Like millions of other Americans, I was surprised by the "not guilty" verdict.

While I do not want to "second guess" the jury, as I did not sit through the entire trial, hear all the witnesses, and review the evidence, I will say that the video tape of the incident did raise some very unsettling questions.

This morning, I spoke to Attorney General William Barr, and he has personally assured me that the Justice Department is vigorously investigating the incident to determine if federal civil rights laws were broken. We agreed that this investigation should be a top priority of the Department.

It is important for those discussing the verdict to remember that, as the jury did not reach a verdict on one count, this is still an ongoing case at the state level.

It also goes without saying that those who use the verdict as an excuse to break the law must be held responsible for their actions.

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