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KEY WEINBERGER CHARGE DISMISSED

Washington - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole released the following statement in response to the dismissal of the key charge contained in the October 30, 1992 indictment of former defense secretary Caspar W. Weinberger:

"This is the latest major failure by Lawrence Walsh's highcost, low-result crusade against Republicans. It's incredible to me that the Independent Counsel continues to bumble along trying to get an indictment right -- the principal count of the first one against Mr. Weinberger having been dismissed in September. Again, Mr. Walsh has returned empty-handed. This is the same indictment that was so important to have handed up four days before the presidential election -- the same indictment in which it was so important to directly quote Mr. Weinberger's notes seeking to implicate President Bush. With the election over, maybe the Walsh political operatives will decide to pack it in; the only mischief left for them is more humiliating court room defeats.

Next week will be the six year anniversary of the Walsh operation. Six long years and \$40 million of taxpayer money -not much to celebrate."

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