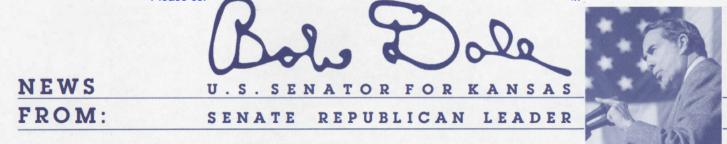
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IRAQ & ALLIED AIR STRIKES

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole issued the following statement today in the wake of allied air strikes at military targets in Iraq:

"Maybe now Saddam Hussein will finally get the message. He's had more than enough warnings, but it's clear he has no intention of listening. Today's surgical strikes are an appropriate response to Saddam's repeated threats and aggression, and his continuing refusal to comply with United Nations sanctions. I support President Bush and the allied forces in this demonstration of strength and resolve.

"Let's also hope that the warlords in Somalia, and dictator Milosevic in Belgrade get the message, too: When the United Nations speaks, it means business."

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