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DOLE/CLINTON CALL

NO STIMULUS COMPROMISE: \$93 BILLION STILL UNSPENT ON "STIMULUS" PROGRAMS; VAT TRIAL BALLOON BURSTS ON TAX DAY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- "A good visit, but no compromise in the works." That's how Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole described his telephone conversation last night with President Clinton.

Although the President reached Senator Dole in Manchester, New Hampshire to discuss Russian aid, Senator Dole brought up the Administration's so-called stimulus package.

"I welcomed the President's phone call, and we had a good visit, but it's clear -- as I told him -- that we still had a 'fundamental difference' when it came to his plan to add \$19 billion to the federal deficit instead of paying for all the new spending. So there's no blueprint and no compromise.

"It's the same fundamental difference I'm hearing as I travel around the country this week, with people telling me to hang in there and keep fighting for the taxpayers -- they want spending cuts, and they don't see the President's pork-laden budget buster as any kind of 'emergency'.

"I also reminded President Clinton that there is still \$93 billion already approved by Congress to be spent this year on all the programs the President has included in his so-called stimulus package. So, there's no emergency, and absolutely no need to jack up the deficit."

VALUE-ADDED TAX

Regarding talk of a new Clinton value-added tax (VAT), Dole said: "Today is tax day for millions of Americans, but judging from the latest White House trial balloon, this administration is considering making every day tax day. It's a sad irony that's symbolic of this administration's rampant tax fever."

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