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BOSNIA POLICY UPDATE

DOLE TO AGAIN INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO LIFT **U.S. ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST BOSNIA: TIME TO REAFFIRM** **CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT & STRENGTHEN PRESIDENT'S HAND**

WHILE I WELCOME THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR THE EXPANDED USE OF NATO AIR POWER TO PROTECT U.N. DECLARED SAFE HAVENS, I BELIEVE THAT THE KEY MISSING INGREDIENT IN THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE IS THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THE BOSNIANS.

THIS AFTERNOON I MET WITH BOSNIAN VICE PRESIDENT GANIC, WHO PLEADED FOR ARMS SO HIS PEOPLE CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES. HAD THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ANTI-TANK AND OTHER DEFENSIVE WEAPONS, THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN GORAZDE MAY NEVER HAVE OCCURRED. THIS ARMS EMBARGO IS ILLEGAL -- IT CANNOT BE COMPARED TO THE EMBARGO AGAINST IRAQ BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSED AGAINST A COUNTRY THAT NO LONGER EXISTS -- YUGOSLAVIA. BOSNIA IS NOT IRAQ -- IT IS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY UNDER ATTACK.

IN VIEW OF THE STRONG SUPPORT IN THE CONGRESS FOR A UNILATERAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, I INTEND TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TOMORROW WHICH WILL DO PRECISELY THAT. IN JANUARY, THE SENATE OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED -- BY A VOTE OF 87-9 -- MY AMENDMENT TO UNILATERALLY LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THE BOSNIANS. IT IS TIME TO REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THE PRESIDENT'S HAND IN HIS DEALINGS WITH OUR ALLIES.

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** Remarks delivered on Senate floor, approximately 5:45 pm ET.