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IRAQ TROOP MOVEMENTS

DOLE SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO DETER IRAQI AGGRESSION:
AFTER PUNISHING LESSON OF DESERT STORM,
SADDAM HUSSEIN SHOULD NOT DOUBT AMERICAN RESOLVE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement:

"All Americans stand behind President Clinton in his message to Saddam Hussein. As Secretary Perry said earlier today, the United States cannot afford to assume Iraqi troop movements in Iraq are a bluff.

"Iraq misread the United States and the world community when it invaded Kuwait in 1990. After the punishing lesson of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Iraq should not doubt our resolve in 1994. Intimidation and aggression will not succeed.

"I fully support President Clinton's efforts to deter Iraqi aggression against Kuwait, and to respond appropriately to Iraqi actions. The message the U.S. and the world needs to send is clear: if Saddam acts against Kuwait, the world will respond.

"At a time when Iraq is lobbying the United Nations for the lifting of sanctions, Saddam Hussein sends his troops to threaten Kuwait once again. Kuwait continues to live in the shadow of Iraqi aggression -- and Saddam Hussein still refers to Kuwait as Iraq's 19th province.

"There should be no easing or lifting of sanctions until all conditions of U.N. resolutions are met, including complete compliance on weapons inspections, full recognition of Kuwait, ceasing support for international terrorism, return of all Kuwaiti detainees, an end to Iraqi repression, and compensation for the victims of Iraqi aggression. Anything less would diminish the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in Operation Desert Storm, and endanger American strategic interests."

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