

Bob Dole



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CEDRAS'S GOLDEN PARACHUTE

NO ONE SAD TO SEE HAITIAN DICTATOR GO, BUT AMERICAN TAXPAYERS QUESTIONING U.S. SUBSIDY FOR WEALTHY LANDLORD-IN-EXILE

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

"No one is sad to see General Cedras leave Haiti, but a lot of American taxpayers are wondering why he is taking so many of their hard-earned tax dollars with him. Press reports indicate Cedras's 'golden parachute' includes an agreement by the U.S. to rent three houses, unfreeze millions in Haitian assets, waive U.S. immigration laws, and charter aircraft for flights to Panama and Miami. In the latest shift in U.S. policy, the State Department is house-sitting for General Cedras, and American troops were ordered to be baggage handlers for the man President Clinton called a thug.

"Before the ever-growing price tag for the Haiti adventure has even been given to Congress, we learn American taxpayers are subsidizing more than \$100,000 in rent to Cedras -- who will become a wealthy landlord in exile. While the taxpayer-funded tab for the welcome departure of Cedras has already cost American taxpayers an arm and a leg, the jury is still out on whether the American occupation will result in a truly democratic Haiti."

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