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CUBAN LIBERTY BILL

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding the signing today of the Helms-Dole-Burton "LIBERTAD" bill:

"I'm pleased by President Clinton's decision to sign the Helms-Dole-Burton 'LIBERTAD' bill today. This is a welcome day for all of us who worked on behalf of 'LIBERTAD' for more than a year. It is tragic that it took the murder of four innocent Americans to overcome opposition to this critical measure. However, I believe history will record the fact that the sacrifice of these brave young men set in motion the events which led to the end of Fidel Castro's reign of terror. Today, America took a major step for the freedom of all the Cuban people."