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VIETNAM & POW/MIA

IN CERTIFYING FULL COOPERATION BY VIETNAM ON POW/MIA ISSUE,
CLINTON MISTAKING ACTIVITY FOR RESULTS

CINCINNATI -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding President Clinton's decision to certify that the government of Vietnam is cooperating in full faith in resolving POW/MIA cases. A copy of President Clinton's certification, received by Dole's office today, is attached.

"I am disappointed that President Clinton has decided to certify the government of Vietnam is 'cooperating in full faith' in resolving cases of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. I have always supported reciprocal action on the POW/MIA issue, but reciprocity is missing from today's decision. Once again, President Clinton has mistaken activity for results, and, once again, President Clinton has placed his desire for normalization with Vietnam before his repeated promises to achieve the fullest possible accounting of POW/MIAs."

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** Copy of President Clinton's certification is attached **