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THIRTEEN TO OFFER TESTIMONY AT HEARING ON CULTS

WASHINGTON -- A group of 13 experts on cults, including a psychiatrist,

law professor, authors, former cult members, clergy, and others, will

offer testimony in the upcoming hearing "The Cult Phenomenon in the United States."

The informal independent hearing is being sponsored by Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.),

along with Sen. Edward Zorinsky (D-Neb.) and Reps. Robert Giaimo (D-Conn.), Richard

Ottinger (D-N.Y.), Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.) and G. William Whitehurst (R-Va.).

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5, 1979, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Room

318, Russell Senate Office Building (Senate Caucus Room).

Those testifying are:

Psychological Aspect
Dr. John Clark - Psychiatrist and M.D.; Weston, Massachusetts.
Flo Conway and Jim Siegelman - Authors of the book "Snapping"; New York, N.Y.
Richard Delgado - Professor of law, UCLA; Los Angeles, California.
Robert Boetcher - Former staff director, House subcommittee on international
                  organizations; Westerly, Rhode Island.
Daphne Green - Counselor; Ross, California.
Ted Patrick - Deprogrammer; National City, California.

Religious Aspect
Dr. George Swope - Baptist minister; Portchester, New York.
Rabbi Maurice Davis - Jewish rabbi; New York, New York.
Father James LaBar - Catholic priest; Lake Katrina, New York.

Others participating include Jackie Spears, legislative assistant to Rep.
Leo Ryan; and two former cult members.

The purpose of the hearing is to educate senators and representatives and/or

their staffs to the complexities of the issue and to obtain sufficient and credible

information to determine whether the matter should be studied further.

Reserved seating at the hearing is available for members of Congress. A

section will also be reserved for the working press. Public seating will be

limited due to space.

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