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TRIBUTE TO ROGERS MORTON

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND -- The following is a statement made by Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) in Geneva concerning the death of Rogers Morton:

"I've learned with great sadness the news of Rogers Morton's death today. Separated from Washington even by an ocean, the fact of his passing strikes with cruel immediacy. For all of us who believe in politics as an honorable calling, his death is a shock and a setback.

"Rogers was more than a distinguished congressman, Cabinet Secretary, and Republican National Chairman. He was a man of enormous civility, who knew that political debate could have meaning only as long as it uplifted men's minds. He never lost sight of this fact, and he brought both dignity and candor to a profession not always noted for either.

"He was a partisan, in the best sense of the word. In the words of the late Adlai Stevenson, "Thank God for partisanship, for partisanship is the lifeblood of a democracy".

"That's the kind of man Rogers Morton was. In everything he did, in all that he said and wrote and inspired in others, there was a love of vigorous and intelligent debate, and a conviction that America was great because she was built on such diversity of thought.

"He was a close friend, a political ally, and a mentor in the days when I succeeded to his position at the RNC. It is not alone his friends, nor his party, who have lost a sustaining influence for good; America will not replace him easily."