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PRESIDENT REAGAN VISITS DOLE AT WALTER REED

WASHINGTON -- President Ronald Reagan paid a special visit today to Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where Dole is recuperating from surgery for removal of a kidney stone last month.

The President, who was accompanied by Powell Moore, his deputy assistant for legislative affairs, spent approximately 20 minutes with Dole.

"President Reagan said he hoped I was recovering fine, and that I should try to gain all the strength I could for upcoming work in the Finance Committee on the economic plan," Dole said. "He also indicated that he has encountered strong support for the plan across the country."

Reagan brought Dole a copy of the book "Wealth and Poverty," the definitive guide to supply-side economics by George Gilder.

Dole said the President also spoke with him about his recent trip to Canada, and the matter of the Soviet grain embargo.

"I told President Reagan that the embargo was still very much on the minds of American farmers," Dole said.

Reagan also met other patients and staff in Dole's ward, and Dole's doctor, Col. Ray Stutzman.