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DOLE READIES ARMS CONTROL PLAN,
ADDRESSES NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES
IN KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION SPEECH SATURDAY

WASHINGTON -- Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) will announce tomorrow plans to introduce arms control legislation during a 1:00pm speech in Topeka to the Kansas American Legion State Convention.

The Senator will focus his remarks on national security topics, and give his views on current foreign affairs and defense issues.

"I say our interest is served by tough bargaining -- not between ourselves, but with the Soviet Union," Senator Dole will say. "If the Russians do become seriously interested in arms control, then I have a proposal for them. Let them sit down seriously at the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) and START talks in Geneva, and talk about real reductions of both intermediate-range and strategic weapons."

"When the present, unacceptably high levels of weaponry are reduced and nuclear force levels stabilized, then in my judgment a freeze of force levels is possible and even desirable. I intend to introduce such a measure in the Senate. But we must never agree to any treaty that leaves us in a position of strategic inferiority at any time."

Senator Dole will also discuss recent developments in Central America, especially the situation in El Salvador.