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DOLE WRITES PRESIDENT, MAYOR OF LAWRENCE --

ENDORSES REAGAN-ANDROPOV "SUNFLOWER SUMMIT"

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today released the following letters to President Reagan and Lawrence, Kansas Mayor David Longhurst, endorsing the Lawrence proposal to host a superpower summit meeting of Reagan and Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to endorse the invitation that you have received from the Mayor and Commissioners of Lawrence, Kansas, to meet with General Secretary Yuri Andropov in their community.

Their invitation proceeds from the conviction, which I entirely share, that the warm and friendly Kansas hospitality which all participants in an historic summit could expect in Lawrence would contribute greatly to the summit's success. Clearly the timing for the summit would depend upon many factors, but one of them - the belief that a personal meeting between yourself and General Secretary Andropov would itself generate a more productive atmosphere for peace - is a persuasive argument for an early meeting. I therefore hope that you will be able to meet with the Soviet leader soon, and that you will give favorable consideration to Lawrence, Kansas as the location for the summit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Bob Dole".

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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Mr. David Longhurst
Mayor
City of Lawrence
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mayor Longhurst:

I was very pleased to learn of the initiative that you and the Commissioners of Lawrence have taken, to invite President Reagan and General Secretary Andropov to Lawrence for a preliminary summit meeting.

I am entirely in agreement that a meeting in Lawrence would provide an atmosphere that would be both pleasant and conducive to a successful summit meeting. In turn, that might provide a basis for further reductions of bilateral tensions, and for the promotion of a more peaceful international atmosphere. Accordingly I was very glad to endorse your invitation to the President, and to issue the press release that your letter requested. Copies of both are enclosed for your information, and to help you with promoting the idea further.

Best wishes for success with your fine idea.

Sincerely yours,



BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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