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GATES: A CAREER PRO WHO CAN DO THE JOB

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S SELECTION OF ROBERT GATES TO SUCCEED WILLIAM CASEY AS THE HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

"ROBERT GATES, A FELLOW KANSAN FROM WICHITA, IS A CAREER INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONAL WITH THE CREDENTIALS AND THE EXPERIENCE TO DO THE JOB. IT WON'T BE EASY REPLACING BILL CASEY, NOR IS THIS THE EASIEST OF TIMES FOR ANYONE TO BE STEPPING INTO THE TOP SLOT AT THE C.I.A., BUT I AM CONFIDENT ROBERT GATES IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE. HIS CONFIRMATION SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY ON THE HILL GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF STABILITY AND CONTINUITY AT THIS CRUCIAL NATIONAL SECURITY POST," DOLE SAID.

MR. GATES GREW UP IN WICHITA, KANSAS WHERE HE ATTENDED COLLEGE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ROBINSON JUNIOR HIGH AND EAST HIGH SCHOOL.