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STATEMENT BY SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE

RELEASE GERALD SEIB

WE FEEL ANEW A SENSE OF OUTRAGE TODAY AS YET ANOTHER AMERICAN HAS BEEN SNATCHED OFF THE STREETS AND IS BEING HELD AGAINST HIS WILL, THIS TIME IN TEHRAN.

HE IS GERALD SEIB, A REPORTER FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND A NATIVE KANSAN FROM HAYS. JUDGING FROM REPORTS, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY THIS JOURNALIST SHOULD BE DETAINED. HE IS A FULLY CREDENTIALLED, WORKING JOURNALIST--AND A DARN GOOD ONE ACCORDING TO HIS COLLEAGUES.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE URGENT AND LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT--AND THE SEIB FAMILY--ARE ASKING. SO TODAY WE SEND THIS MESSAGE TO TEHRAN--LOUD AND CLEAR: RELEASE GERALD SEIB NOW--IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY--SO THAT HE CAN REJOIN HIS WIFE AND FAMILY!

UNTIL THAT TIME, I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO FOLLOW THE WISHES OF GERALD'S FATHER, RICHARD, WHO SAID THIS MORNING IN HAYS THAT "WE JUST HAVE TO PRAY TO GOD...APPEAL TO EVERYBODY TO PRAY WITH US."

WE WILL PRAY--AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON TEHRAN UNTIL IT ADMITS ITS TERRIBLE BLUNDER AND RELEASES GERALD SEIB.

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