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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE DEATH OF AMERICAN ADVISER IN EL SALVADOR

I AM SORRY TO HAVE TO BRING TO THE SENATE THE TRAGIC NEWS THAT AN AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISER HAS APPARENTLY BEEN KILLED IN EL SALVADOR, AS THE RESULT OF AN ATTACK BY 800 MARXIST GUERRILLAS ON A SALVADORAN MILITARY BASE.

THIS DEATH UNDERSCORES THE TRAGIC TOLL OF THE WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA -- A WAR BEING WAGED BY COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS, WHOSE INSPIRATION, DIRECTION AND SUPPORT ORIGINATES IN MOSCOW AND HAVANA, AND IS CHANNELED THROUGH MANAGUA; A WAR AGAINST THE DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR; AND A WAR WHICH THREATENS BOTH THE SECURITY OF THE REGION AND OUR OWN SECURITY INTERESTS THERE.

THIS DEATH ALSO UNDERSCORES ONE OTHER FACT: WHILE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES DEBATES AND DEBATES OVER THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN NICARAGUA, THE MASSIVE AID THAT MOSCOW AND HAVANA ARE SHOVELLING INTO THE REGION, WITH THE HELP OF THE SANDINISTAS, CONTINUES TO HAVE DEADLY IMPACT.

I HOPE ALL OF US TAKE NEW UNDERSTANDING AND NEW RESOLVE FROM TODAY'S TRAGIC EVENT.

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