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DOLE REACTION TO SEMI-CONDUCTOR DECISION

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN REACTION TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S DECISION TO PARTIALLY LIFT U.S. SANCTIONS ON JAPANESE ELECTRONIC GOODS.

"The President's action is very limited, and it makes sense. The sanctions were supposed to be an inducement for compliance, and there's nothing wrong with having a carrot as well as a stick."

"If the President had gone further, it would be a different story. One reason I believe he didn't was that I, along with several colleagues, expressed our concern that the sanctions would be lifted without proof that Japanese trade practices were improving. I believe the President if he says there's evidence of Japanese compliance and I support his decision."