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DOLE SAYS U.S. GULF ACTION: "EXACTLY RIGHT RESPONSE"

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE SAID THE DESTRUCTION OF A PLATFORM USED BY IRANIAN MILITARY UNITS WAS "AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE" TO IRAN'S RECENT SILKWORM MISSILE ATTACK -- "THE AYATOLLAH ASKED FOR THIS, AND HE GOT IT."

"We've told the Iranians time and again that we weren't going to sit back and take their repeated attacks and provocations," Dole said during a presidential campaign visit to New Hampshire. "This was just a case of: enough is enough. We're not looking for trouble -- and we're not seeking more than we do in all other international waters: basic freedom of navigation."

"We've sent the message again. And if Khomeini ignores it, again, he'll get more of the same. It's that simple."

Dole commended the White House for consulting Congressional leaders prior to the strike. The Republican Leader cancelled campaign events in North Dakota last night after the President called for the return of congressional leaders to Washington to brief them on the impending military action.

In regard to the specific target chosen for our retaliation, Dole noted its military importance to the Iranians. "The platform not only functioned as a radar site to monitor all shipping through the Gulf, but also as a staging station for its small craft attacks. Its loss will hamper future Iranian operations in the Gulf."