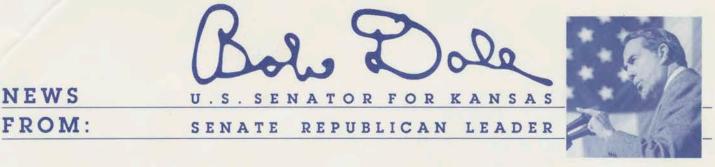
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GORBY & THE G-7 SUMMIT

DOLE: LIMIT WESTERN AID, PRESS SOVIET REFORMS

IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE ONLY "FREE LUNCH" THAT SOVIET PRESIDENT GORBACHEV WILL GET AT THE G-7 SUMMIT IS THE ONE THAT PRESIDENT BUSH WILL HOST FOR HIM TOMORROW.

BEYOND THAT, MOST OF THE SUMMIT LEADERS -- PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT BUSH, AND PRIME MINISTERS MULRONEY, MAJOR AND KAIFU --INTEND TO GIVE GORBACHEV A GOOD HEARING; INSIST ON A REAL COMMITMENT TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM, AND A REALISTIC PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THAT REFORM; OFFER ONLY LIMITED AND FOCUSED FORMS OF ASSISTANCE -- PRIMARILY IN THE FORM OF EXPERTISE AND AND URGE THE NEED TO REALLY OPEN THE SOVIET UNION TO TECHNOLOGY; LARGE SCALE FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM "ENGINE" FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IS PRECISELY THE POSTURE WE OUGHT TO TAKE. AS MULRONEY SAID, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE WRITING "BLANK CHECKS." IT IS THE TIME -- HIGH TIME -- FOR GORBACHEV TO GET ON WITH REAL REFORM.

CUT DEFENSE, \$ TO CASTRO, INTIMIDATION OF BALTICS IT IS ALSO MY HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE OTHER SUMMIT LEADERS WILL PRESS GORBACHEV HARD IN THREE SPECIFIC AREAS.

FIRST, THE NEED FOR THE SOVIETS TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THEIR OWN DEFENSE SPENDING. IF ANY COUNTRY COULD BENEFIT FROM A "PEACE DIVIDEND," IT IS THE SOVIET UNION. AND, AS AN ADJUNCT TO THAT PROPOSITION, THE SOVIETS OUGHT ALSO TO CLOSE THE "WITHDRAWAL" WINDOW FOR THE LIKES OF FIDEL CASTRO.

SECOND, THE URGENCY OF TERMINATING, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE USE OF FORCE AND INTIMIDATION AGAINST THE BALTICS, AND AGAINST SOME OF THE CONSTITUENT REPUBLICS OF THE SOVIET UNION -ESPECIALLY ARMENIA, WHERE THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN A NEW UP-SURGE OF SOVIET ATTACKS ON ARMENIAN VILLAGES IN THE BORDER AREA WITH AJERBAIJAN.

EXPAND DIRECT TIES WITH REPUBLICS

THIRD, THE DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING DIRECT TIES WITH THE REPUBLICS -- POLITICAL TIES, INVESTMENT AND TRADE TIES, AND AID TIES. GORBACHEV MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXPANSION OF SUCH TIES IS INEVITABLE, SENSIBLE, AND COULD BE IN HIS OWN LONG-TERM INTEREST.

THIS SUMMIT CAN BE AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN G-7 RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. BUT ONLY IF ALL SIDES ARE REALISTIC ABOUT WHAT THE SOVIETS REALLY NEED, AND WHAT THE ALLIES CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE.

MOST OF THE G-7 LEADERS APPEAR TO BE APPROACHING THE GORBACHEV MEETING REALISTICALLY. I HOPE THAT GORBACHEV AND HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUES ARE, TOO.

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