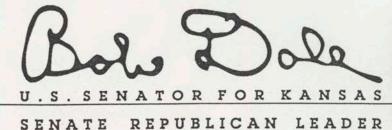
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WALSH/IRAN-CONTRA

NORTH CHARGES DROPPED; NEXT STEP -- SHUT DOWN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR TAXPAYER-FUNDED WALSH IRAN-CONTRA INVESTIGATION, DOLE SAYS

IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'VE BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF MR. WALSH'S INVESTIGATION FOR SOME TIME, SO, IN FAIRNESS, I DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION IN DROPPING CHARGES AGAINST COLONEL NORTH. UNFORTUNATELY FOR COLONEL NORTH, THIS DECISION WAS MADE ONLY AFTER YEARS OF HARASSMENT AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF LEGAL FEES.

I THINK THE NEXT DECISION IS OBVIOUS. IT'S TIME TO CLOSE THE DOORS ON THE INVESTIGATION ONCE AND FOR ALL. FOR NEARLY FIVE YEARS, MR. WALSH AND HIS ARMY OF ATTORNEYS AND INVESTIGATORS HAVE RUN UP A FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR BILL, OPERATING OUT OF SOME OF WASHINGTON'S D.C'S MOST EXCLUSIVE OFFICE SPACE.

WHAT HAVE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS RECEIVED FOR THEIR FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS? A LOT OF PRESS RELEASES. A LOT OF RUMOR AND INNUENDO. BUT LITTLE IN TERMS OF JUSTICE. EVERY CONVICTION WON BY MR. WALSH HAS BEEN OVERTURNED, OR IS LIKELY TO BE OVERTURNED.

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