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DOLE FORMS NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today announced the formation of the Senate Republican National Security Working Group. The working group will provide Senate Republicans with a forum to coordinate budget, policy and strategy issues among committees concerned with national security.

"As global security issues cross committee boundaries, this team of key Republicans will provide a valuable forum to coordinate our efforts," Dole said. "This working group will be an important resource for the leadership, and for the committees of jurisdiction."

Senator Don Nickles (R-OK) will serve as Chairman of the working group, and Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) will serve as cochairman. Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, Armed Services Committee Chairman Strom Thurmond, and Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici will be members, as will Appropriations Subcommittee Chairmen Ted Stevens (Defense) and Mitch McConnell (Foreign Operations).

Other members of the group include Senators John Warner (R-VA), Bill Cohen (R-ME), Richard Lugar (R-IN), Bob Smith (R-NH), John McCain (R-AZ), Spencer Abraham (R-MI), John Ashcroft (R-MO), and Jon Kyl (R-AZ).

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