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BOSNIA UPDATE

DOLE STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST DAVID ROHDE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement:

"I am relieved to hear of the release of David Rohde who was arrested and detained by the Bosnian Serbs on October 29. No doubt about it, the past two weeks have been anxious ones not only for David Rohde but also for his family. I hope that he will soon be reunited with his family, friends, and colleagues.

"Last week, Senator Snowe and I contacted the Secretary of State to urge that David Rohde be at the top of the agenda in Dayton and that immediate action be taken to secure his release.

"David Rohde's illegal detention is yet another demonstration of the pariah nature of the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale. It should remind our negotiators in Dayton with whom they are dealing, calling them to hold firm on the administration's stated commitment not to make amnesty for war criminals the price for peace.

"It is my hope that the administration will share with the Congress all information the U.S. government has regarding the individuals responsible for David Rohde's detention. I strongly urge the administration to hold these individuals accountable for their actions."

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