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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Senator Dole,

Thank you for your letter of 16 December. I too enjoyed our meeting. I firmly agree that we should not allow differences over Bosnia to damage the wider US/UK relationship, which is why I spoke to you frankly of our concerns.

Since we met, there have been some more hopeful developments, including the recent agreement on a cessation of hostilities. I believe that we must do all we can to use this opportunity to secure a negotiated settlement on the basis of the Contact Group plan. I hope you will support these efforts. Unilateral lifting of the arms embargo against the Bosnian Government, as envisaged in the Bill you have introduced with Senator Lieberman, would lead to renewed intensification of the conflict and withdrawal of the Western contingents of UNPROFOR - a disaster for the people of Bosnia.

I am sure we should keep in close touch, as you suggest, on this and other issues of common concern. I send you my best wishes for the New Year.

*With warm regards,
Yours ever,
John Major*

Senator Dole