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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 5, 1968 -- Congressman Bob Dole today introduced a bill to extend America's three-mile territorial sea limit up to 12 miles.

Introducing the bill, Dole said, "The Pueblo incident compels us to re-design our off-shore policy which has consistently given intelligence advantages to other countries."

"It makes no sense," Dole added, "to allow Communist ships to cruise within three miles of our shores while we observe the 12-mile limit claimed by Communist bloc countries."

Pointing out only 29 of 98 nations with coastlines observe the three-mile territorial limit, Dole said, "U. S. policy should be based on mutuality rather than an open invitation to espionage."

The Dole bill requires the U. S. to follow an off-shore policy identical to the policy of the other countries involved. For example, as long as Russia and North Korea claim a 12-mile limit off their shores, the U. S. would insist upon the same. The U. S. three-mile limit would continue to apply to countries which recognize the same distance off their shores.

Urging passage of the bill, Dole said, "There is no justification for blind adherence to a policy which no longer serves our national interests."

Kansas Congressmen Larry Winn and Chester Mize co-sponsored the bill.