

FROM: THE OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-Kans.)
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510
(202) 225-6521

143

FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1969

143

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 18 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today issued a statement after yesterday's nearly six-hour closed session on the anti-ballistic missile issue in the Senate:

"This was my first experience in a closed Senate session, and I understand it was only the fourth such closed meeting since World War II.

"Generally, the entire debate between the ABM proponents and opponents was outstanding and informative. The remarks of Senator Henry Jackson of Washington were particularly brilliant and helpful.

"I am now even more firmly convinced that America needs the proposed Safeguard system. The choice is clear: we must proceed with the ABM system, and I am confident it will be approved by the Senate."