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WASHINGTON, D.C. AUG. 5---The following is a statement by Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) on President Nixon's trip to Southeast Asia and Rumania.

"Last night President Nixon returned from his trip to Southeast Asia and Rumania.

"Today, as a result of that trip the whole world breathes a little easier because war and destruction are perhaps a little further away and peace with honor is perhaps a little closer.

"Seldom has a trip abroad by an American President been so successful, seldom have the purposes been so well met and seldom have the American people been so well informed on a day-to-day basis about the results of such a trip.

"For this we can all be grateful.

"The President has termed his trip 'a quest for peace,' 'reflecting the spirit of Apollo.'

"And truly, there is an apt comparison.

"During all man's time on earth he has reached out for the moon. Less than two weeks ago he was finally successful.'

"For equally as long a time man has yearned for peace. And just as surely he can reach that goal---if he will.

"That goal is one the President is attempting with all his heart and all his skill to reach. He has chartered new courses in two of the world's troubled areas--Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe--courses that give hope for eased tensions and international cooperation, but courses, also, that assure those who stand with us that we will continue to stand with them.

"The success of the President's journey is a success that the entire world shares. I am sure that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle join with me in welcoming him home."