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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 16 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today joined 20 other Democrat and Republican Senators in requesting that the recent hijacking of a TWA jet aircraft be brought before the United Nations Security Council for action.

In a letter to Secretary of State William P. Rogers, the Senators said, "This is the first time a hijacker has exploded a bomb on an American-owned airplane, causing serious property damage."

The Senators expressed deep concern over the two private Israeli citizens still being detailed in Syria.

"We believe that actions must be taken immediately to right a dangerous situation. The two Israeli citizens should be released immediately, and appropriate criminal proceedings should begin against the individuals responsible for this illegal act."

"We also believe," the Senators continued, "that procedures must be established to ensure the lives and safety of airline passengers and crew members, and to prevent unlawful seizures of civil aircraft in the future."

They urged that the United States propose measures providing for the apprehension, extradition and punishment if appropriate at the upcoming Montreal meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization.