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A CONCERNED PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 17 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today expressed on the Senate floor his appreciation for an event involving President Nixon yesterday.

Dole said, "There was another occurrence yesterday in Kansas, besides the President's magnificent speech at Kansas State University's Alfred M. Landon lecture.

It also involved the President.

After landing in Topeka, the President met briefly with Mrs. Ronald Mastin of Overland Park, the wife of a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese. She has not seen her husband for three years.

Mrs. Mastin spoke to the President on behalf of the wives and mothers of all American POW's and MIA's.

The President assured Mrs. Mastin that everything possible is being done to obtain the release of prisoners of war and information on those who are listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia.

It was a generous and thoughtful gesture from a truly concerned President.

As one who has spent much time talking and working with the wives and mothers of our POW's and MIA's, I know how much the President's concern means to them.

On their behalf, I wish to express a deep appreciation for his efforts and for considerateness in meeting yesterday with Mrs. Mastin."

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