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PREVIEW ON PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today said he has reason to be hopeful that tonight's Presidential energy statement will include action on the deregulation of natural gas prices at the wellhead.

Dole indicated that he had conferred personally on the energy message yesterday with Presidential Counselor Melvin Laird. "Among my recommendations for action was to emphasize again the crucial importance of removing restrictive controls on natural gas prices," Dole said.

"Greater supplies of this vital product must be made available. And artificial government controls have long been a major obstacle to expanding exploration efforts.

"As a sponsor of legislation to deregulate natural gas prices, I strongly urged that the President move to eliminate these controls through exercise of his executive powers in the face of the emergency energy situation confronting the United States."