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DOLE URGES COMPETITIVE INTEGRITY IN KU-UCLA BASKETBALL GAME

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In response to the announced intentions of UCLA not to play its best team-members against Kansas University in the NCAA consolation game Monday night, Senator Bob Dole sent the following telegram to NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers urging that the NCAA act to preserve the competitive integrity of college basketball.

Dole stated that good sportsmanship dictates that the game not be down-played merely because the competitors no longer have a shot at the national championship.

(text of telegram to NCAA Executive Director Byers follows):

"Urge you take appropriate action to insure UCLA is represented by its best team in NCAA consolation game against Kansas University Monday night.

"Win or lose, University of Kansas basketball team has earned right to play best UCLA team which can be put on court. Good sportsmanship dictates that game not be down-played merely because competitors no longer have shot at national championship.

"Coach Ted Owens and Jayhawks have had successful season due to hard work, dedication, and competitive spirit of team-members. Their season has been characterized by come-back victories and an outstanding performance to meet every challenge. They have bettered pre-season predictions of most Kansans and now seek opportunity to once again prove themselves against best UCLA has to offer.

"I urge NCAA to do whatever possible to insure Jayhawks are given this opportunity."