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STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTING AMERICANS IN GUATEMALA

Senator Bob Dole has received assurances from the State Department that maximum efforts are being made to assist Americans now in Guatemala. In addition, the State Department says it will contact medical doctors in Kansas and elsewhere who have volunteered their services to the earthquake victims in the Central American nation.

Dole's office has been told that the American Embassy is broadcasting a call for all Americans in Guatemala to report on their whereabouts and well-being. Embassy officials in Guatemala City cable to Washington several times a day, giving the names of Americans reporting in, and the name and phone number of relatives in the United States who are to be contacted.

Persons in the United States wishing to determine the status of friends or relatives believed to be in Guatemala may call the Guatemalan Disaster Relief Task Force at the State Department. That number is (202)632-9785. Persons encountering any difficulty in getting through to the State Department may contact Senator Dole's Washington office at (202)224-6521, or any Kansas office of Senator Dole.

Dole said the State Department is sending one long cable to the American Embassy in Guatemala City each evening. General messages to Americans believed to be in Guatemala may be included in that cable, Dole said.