



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE INVITES SALONEN TO MEET

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today invited Neil Albert Salonen, President of the Unification Church in the United States, to meet with him at 12:30 Monday, February 23, in Dole's office.

Dole said he invited Salonen to meet with him in response to a request made by Salonen in January. At that time, the Kansas Senator said that he would meet with Salonen following his meeting with concerned parents and former members of the Unification Church -- that meeting took place February 18. In a January 19 letter to Salonen, Dole said, "Trust ...an exact date, time and location for the meeting can be established." Since that time, Dole has also met with Kansans who are presently members of the Unification Church.

Senator Dole said that during the meeting he plans to present Salonen with questions raised by concerned parents in their meeting earlier this week, and invite his response to those questions. In a letter of January 19, Salonen offered to "answer any questions ...concerning the church and its operation."

Dole said he also hopes to discuss the allegations about him -- and other misinformation -- contained in letters sent by Salonen February 17 to Senators and Members of Congress.

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Mr. Salonen has tentatively accepted Senator Dole's invitation to meet. He said he would check his schedule and confirm it later this afternoon.