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CARTER MUST PREPARE FOR HARD FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS, DOLE SAYS

Washington, D.C. --- Sen. Bob Dole(R-Kansas) made the following comments today in response to President Carter's address to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis:

"President Carter correctly noted that the choice between cooperation or confrontation now rests with the Soviet Union. The President, however, must recognize the very real possibility that the Soviets will choose to pursue their aggressive policies in Africa and elsewhere, and he must be prepared to make some hard decisions himself once the Soviet decision becomes clear. Words of hope and caution are not enough. It is not enough to continue to say that we prefer detente while hostile Soviet intentions clearly demonstrate otherwise."

"In the same vein, it should be remembered that conclusion of a SALT treaty agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union is not, alone, a determination of 'detente'. It does not signal a final chapter in our efforts to maintain goodwill and harmony with that nation."

"Likewise, it is to be hoped that the President's verbal commitments to a strong American defense and to equivalency in nuclear strength will be reflected in his policy decisions. The administration's recommendations on defense spending, its decisions on essential weapons production, and its position on a final SALT II agreement will speak louder than words in this respect."

"The President's accolades for majority rule in Africa and his commitment to 'affirmative policies that recognize realities,' calls into question his refusal to support the very realistic interim settlement in Rhodesia. It is difficult to understand why this Administration continues to insist that those who would seize power by bullets rather than ballots must be accommodated, when an orderly democratic transition to majority rule is already underway in Rhodesia."