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PEACE BEST SERVED BY KEEPING U.S. MILITARY FORCES OUT OF MIDEAST, DOLE SAYS

DENVER -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today urged President Carter not to raise the subject of injecting U.S. military forces into the Mideast when he meets next week at Camp David with Israeli Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat of Egypt.

Dole said that placing U.S. armed forces in the area "promises only to inject a new and unpredictable factor into Middle East instability."

Following is the text of Dole's statement:

"Prime Minister Begin's statement yesterday that Israel 'does not want foreign soldiers to protect our people' logically reflects the determination of the Israeli people to remain the trustees of their own destiny.

"It is a policy position that I believe represents the best interests of the United States as well. We have no interest in exposing American forces to the vicissitudes of Middle East politics and violence. As I have said before, an American military presence poised between Israeli and Egyptian forces, or between Israeli and Syrian forces, carries no promise for reducing tensions. It carries no promise for reducing the question of sovereignty over disputed territories.

"It promises only to inject a new and unpredictable factor into Middle East instability, and to force Israel to withdraw from disputed territory against her best judgment.

"President Carter should not raise the proposition at the summit meeting. Instead, both Israel and Egypt must be allowed to talk freely between themselves about their differences, without external coercion or threat."