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DOLE SENDS CABLE PROTESTING U.S. ABSENTION ON U.N. RESOLUTION VOTE

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today sent a cable to U.S. Secretary of State regarding a U.N. Security Council Resolution on Jerusalem. Dole, who sent the cable along with Senator Jacob Javits (R.-N.Y.), Senator Paul Laxalt (R.-Nevada) and Senator Daniel Moynihan (D.-N.Y.), called for the U.S. to veto the Resolution. It was expected that the Carter Administration would direct Muskie to abstain.

The following is the text of the telegram:

"We understand that the United Nations Security Council will be considering a resolution on Jerusalem that "censures in the strongest terms" Israel's recent law on Jerusalem. The resolution, which would be binding under Article 25 of the United Nations Charter, refers to Jerusalem as "'occupied' Palestinian and Arab territories" and calls on those states with embassies in Jerusalem to withdraw them from that city. This clearly constitutes a departure from existing US policy, which has never contested Israel's presence in West Jerusalem nor allowed one-sided punitive actions against Israel to take effect in the Security Council. Moreover, such a provocative and extremist resolution which calls for punitive actions and makes no distinction between East and West Jerusalem, if allowed to proceed, would prejudice issues that can only be resolved through negotiations and would weaken the Camp David peace process. We therefore strongly urge the US delegation to exercise a veto over this or any other resolution whose adoption and implementation can only serve the interests of those seeking to thwart the prospects for peace in the Middle East."