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DOLE SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S DECISION

The following is a statement by Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.)
on President Reagan's decision to send U.S. troops to the
Middle East:

I agree with President Reagan that the United States must
provide leadership in attempting to restore peace in the
Middle East. Although sending American troops back to Lebanon
is not without risk, there is an overriding interest that must
be addressed. Perhaps the grim realities of this past week
will encourage Prime Minister Begin to cooperate with
the United States in efforts to end the needless bloodshed.