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DOLE ENDORSES REAGAN PROPOSAL ON MFN STATUS FOR POLAND;  
WILL SCHEDULE HEARINGS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

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WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today endorsed President Reagan's proposal to suspend Poland's Most Favored Nation status following recent moves in that country to outlaw the trade union Solidarity. Dole is Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation determining which countries will have MFN status with the United States.

"As early as last December, I raised the possibility of suspending MFN status for Poland during Congressional Hearings with the Administration. At that time, I was advised that a review was underway. I am pleased that the Administration has continued its study, and fully endorse the proposal set forth by the President today," said Dole. "We expect to hold hearings at the earliest possible date."

"Most Favored Nation status is extended by the U.S. to other countries in an effort to build peaceful relationships through mutually beneficial and expanding trade. There is some question that Poland has met the obligations it assumed when it joined the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Not only has the Polish system failed economically, the repression of the Polish people requires us to reconsider the extension of this benefit to Poland," said Dole.