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DOLE ON MONDALE/REAGAN DEBATE

WASHINGTON -- Following is a statement on the debate last night by Kansas Senator Bob Dole:

I think the highlights of the debate last night between President Reagan and Walter Mondale, aside from style and debating points, were two things. First, if Walter Mondale is elected, you know you're going to have a tax increase. He said it many, many times. He said it several times last evening. Secondly, if Ronald Reagan is reelected, those who receive Social Security really got the good news. He said he would never let Congress, nor would he ever suggest a reduction in basic Social Security benefits.

So, I would say the highlights last night were Mondale's pledge to raise taxes, and Ronald Reagan's pledge to save Social Security.