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DOLE MEETS PAUL AQUINO, SEEKS ASSURANCES ON PHILIPPINE BASES
AND CONTAINMENT OF COMMUNIST INSURGENTS

WASHINGTON -- CALLING U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES "PILLARS OF STABILITY IN THE PACIFIC", SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY SOUGHT ASSURANCES ON THE FUTURE OF THOSE INSTALLATIONS FROM TWO KEY FIGURES IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN MANILA--PAUL AQUINO, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF PRESIDENT CORAZON AQUINO, AND HEHEROSO ALVAREZ, LONGTIME LEADER OF THE ANTI-MARCOS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

DOLE MET WITH AQUINO AND ALVAREZ IN HIS CAPITOL HILL OFFICE. DURING THE MEETING, THE MAJORITY LEADER UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CLARK AND SUBIC BAY MILITARY FACILITIES AND ALSO THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE BATTLE AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENTS ON THE ISLANDS.

"WE WELCOME THE LARGELY PEACEFUL TRANSITION IN MANILA. I BELIEVE AMERICANS HAVE COME TO ADMIRE THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF CORAZON AQUINO. WE WISH HER WELL AND LOOK FOWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT," DOLE TOLD HIS GUESTS. "HER EFFORTS TO INCLUDE RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS OF THE OLD GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATE HER HONEST EFFORTS TO BURY THE PAST AND BODE WELL FOR LONGER TERM STABILITY THERE."

"AT THE SAME TIME, SOME MAJOR QUESTIONS REMAIN FOR UNCLE SAM. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR TWO BASES, AND WHAT ARE PRESIDENT AQUINIO'S PLANS FOR THE GROWING COMMUNIST MENACE ON THE PHILIPPINES? AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE A REAL MISTAKE TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNISTS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT," DOLE CONCLUDED.

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