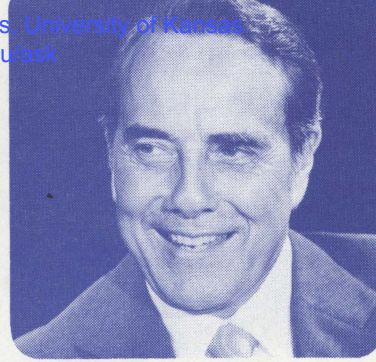


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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

"NO VISA FOR ARAFAT"

THERE IS A RUMOR AROUND THAT PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT MAY BE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES TO VISIT THE UNITED NATIONS ON JUNE 6. IT DISTURBS ME THAT WE SEEM TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR PEOPLE LIKE MR. ARAFAT TO COME AND SPREAD THEIR POISON, EITHER AT THE UNITED NATIONS OR ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. HIS AND THE PLO RECORD ON TERRORISM, I THINK IN THE VIEW OF MOST AMERICANS, IS RATHER CLEAR-CUT. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS. I BELIEVE IT IS AN INSULT TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD THAT WE HAVE TO SIT BACK AND LISTEN TO PEOPLE LIKE MR. ARAFAT, ESPECIALLY IN A FORUM LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE DEDICATED TO CIVILIZED BEHAVIOR. I HAVE ASKED MY STAFF TO LOOK INTO THE LEGALITIES OF THE VISA SITUATION: WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY WAY TO PREVENT THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO MR. ARAFAT. I EXPECT TO SAY MORE ON THIS MATTER LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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