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DOLE CABLES GORBACHEV FOR RELEASE OF U.S. JOURNALIST

SENATE RESOLUTION ON FRONT BURNER

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today urged Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to intervene in order to gain the "immediate and unconditional release" of U.S. News & World Report correspondent Nicholas Daniloff.

The following is the text of the telegram:

I AM DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIED DETENTION OF U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT JOURNALIST NICHOLAS DANILOFF BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. I KNOW THAT MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHARE MY CONCERN AND WILL BE PREPARED TO ACT FURTHER ON THIS MATTER SHOULD IT REMAIN UNRESOLVED WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES NEXT WEEK.

IN THE INTEREST OF SIMPLE JUSTICE AND CONTINUED CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, I URGE YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION TO BRING ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF MR. DANILOFF.

"It is my hope Mr. Daniloff will soon be reunited with his family. However, if developments in Moscow continue on the present course, then I can guarantee the Senate will be voting on a resolution officially expressing its outrage over the cruel harassment of the free American press," said Dole.