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DOLE APPLAUDS BRITISH DECISION TO BREAK TIES WITH SYRIA

SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY APPLAUDED THE DECISION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH SYRIA BECAUSE OF THAT COUNTRY'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECENT ATTEMPT TO BOMB AN EL AL AIRLINER AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT.

Taking note of a White House statement that we are withdrawing our Ambassador from Syria, Dole urged the Administration to take further swift and effective diplomatic, political and economic steps to pressure Syria to give up its support for international terrorism.

Dole pointed out that there were roughly 400 people, 230 of them Americans, on board the El Al plane that was the target of this planned attack. "This near tragedy, averted only because of the alertness of local security agents, points up once again that all of us are threatened by terrorism, wherever it occurs," said Dole. "And we must all stand together to defend ourselves and fight back."

"When we struck at Libya," Dole recalled, "Prime Minister Thatcher and her Government were with us 100%. Now we must find ways to back British efforts to respond to this new challenge from international terrorism."