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DOLE CALLS FOR FULL ACCOUNTING OF "BIZARRE TWIST" TO NSC CONTROVERSY

The President has moved decisively to correct a major problem which Secretary Meese just uncovered in the implementation of the Administration's Iran initiative.

In his briefing with Congressional leaders, the President was totally forthcoming. It was obvious he was deeply disturbed at the information he had just received, and it was equally obvious he was determined to do what needs to be done.

The Special Review Board he will establish must now act with equal vigor and determination -- and in a totally nonpartisan way. Its sole function must be to get to the bottom of this, so that the American people know they have a full accounting.

The revelation that there is some kind of connection, apparently via unauthorized actions, to private efforts to aid the contras is a bizarre twist, which has to be explored thoroughly before any final judgments are drawn.

There is going to be an enormous temptation now for people to act and speak before they think or before all the facts are known. I hope -- in the national interest -- everyone will do everything possible to resist that temptation.

MEDIA ADVISORY: SENATOR DOLE IS IN DES MOINES, IOWA TODAY FOR A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL AMERICA. A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THAT EVENT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 4:30 p.m. CENTRAL TIME AT THE DES MOINES AIRPORT HILTON.