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DOLE: "IT'S NOW UP TO CONGRESS" --
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WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KAN) TODAY APPLAUDED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO SEEK AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL AND HIS ENDORSEMENT OF A SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE IRAN-CONTRA CONNECTION.

"The President's action today should lay to rest, once and for all, any doubts about his determination to get to the bottom of this mess as soon as possible. In my view, he's done all he can do at this point," Dole said. "It's now up to Congress -- we must act with the same vigor and responsibility that the President has demonstrated."

"That's why Congress needs to immediately authorize an investigating committee. If it can't be done in any other way, then there should be a Special Session of Congress. Unless Congress puts the investigation under one tent, we'll have chaos on Capitol Hill all next year."

Dole took note, too, of the President's appointment of Frank Carlucci as his new Assistant for National Security Affairs. "Frank Carlucci is an extremely able and experienced man. His broad background in diplomacy, defense and intelligence fits perfectly with his new responsibilities. I know his first priority will be to get the national security apparatus in the White House moving in a unified direction, in support of the President and his policies."