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## GORBY U.N. OFFER -- UNIQUE GIFT OR JUST A "STOCKING STUFFER"?

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER REVIEWING SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV'S ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS:

"MR. GORBACHEV HAS PROMISED A LOT, BUT CAN HE DELIVER? ONLY HIS ACTIONS -- NOT JUST WORDS -- WILL TELL THE WORLD WHETHER HIS U.N. SPEECH BECOMES A ONE-OF-A-KIND CHRISTMAS GIFT OR JUST ANOTHER STOCKING STUFFER.

HIS PROPOSED MILITARY CUTBACKS MIGHT SOUND GOOD AT FIRST HEARING, BUT A REDUCTION OF 500,000 MEN OUT OF A LETHAL FORCE OF 5.6 MILLION SOVIET TROOPS DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUCH TO THE MILITARY COMMANDERS AROUND THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE IN EUROPE AND ASIA WHO HAVE TO FACE THE REMAINING MIGHT OF THE RED ARMY.

IF WE REALLY SEE SUCH CUTBACKS IN EASTERN EUROPE, THEN WE MIGHT INDEED BY SEEING A GOOD FAITH FIRST STEP TOWARD REAL CONVENTIONAL FORCE PARITY; OUR NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA WILL BE INSISTING ON NO LESS.

ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT, AGAIN WE HEARD A LOT OF TALK, A LOT OF PROMISES. HOWEVER, I AM TROUBLED BY HIS IMPLICATION THAT HE ONLY REJECTS "OUTWARDLY ORIENTED FORCE" AS AN INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY. FRANKLY, SUCH TALK DOESN'T BODE WELL FOR ARMENIA AND THE BALTIC STATES.

EVERY AMERICAN WILL BE WATCHING NOW TO SEE THAT THERE REALLY WILL BE NO MORE POLITICAL PRISONERS, THERE REALLY WILL BE NEW LAWS PROHIBITING PERSECUTION FOR POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, AND THERE REALLY WILL BE FREER EMIGRATION FOR ALL.