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DOLE HAILS YEUTTER CHOICE FOR AG SECRETARY

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE BUSH'S SELECTION OF CLAYTON YEUTTER AS HIS SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE:

"CLAYTON YEUTTER BRINGS INSTANT CREDIBILITY AS GEORGE BUSH'S AGRICULTURE SECRETARY: HIS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE ON THE FARM, AND HIS YEARS OF CABINET-LEVEL AG AND TRADE EXPERIENCE IN WASHINGTON MAKE HIM A NATURAL FOR THE JOB. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, IT'S ONE TOUGH JOB, BUT CLAYTON WILL DO A FINE JOB. BORN AND RAISED IN AGRICULTURE'S HEARTLAND, HE HAS INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY AND THE RESPECT OF MOST FARMERS, FARM GROUPS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM BOTH PARTIES. HE SHOULD WIN EASY CONFIRMATION.

HIS TENURE AS U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS AMERICA BATTLES FOR ITS FAIR SHARE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE. THE COMPETITION IS FIERCE AND CLAYTON'S EXPERIENCE WILL BE INVALUABLE AS WE PUSH TO EXPAND OUR AGRICULTURE SELLING POWER OVERSEAS.

I WILL ALSO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NEW AGRICULTURE SECRETARY AS WE BEGIN TO WRITE THE 1990 FARM BILL AND TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT REVITALIZING RURAL AMERICA IS A TOP PRIORITY WITH THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION.