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JAPAN TRADE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor's announcement on the possibility of trade sanctions against Japan:

"I support U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor in his efforts to enforce the terms of an existing trade agreement with the Japanese, and I agree with the Administration that we should not rush into a trade war with Japan if we can avoid one. However, the President must be ready to back up his Administration's tough statements with tough actions if the Japanese continue to resist expanding access to their markets.

"As the Administration considers its next course of action, I hope the Japanese will realize that the cost of trade sanctions will be far higher than leveling the playing field of international trade. They should also realize that Congress will very likely act unless Japan's markets become more accessible. The Japanese must understand that trade is a two-way street."

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