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DOLE TRAVELS TO BRUSSELS & LONDON FOR MEETINGS WITH NATO LEADERS,
PRIME MINISTER MAJOR: POST-COLD WAR ROLE FOR NATO,
ALLIANCE EXPANSION, & BOSNIA POLICY ON AGENDA

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today departed Washington for two days of high level meetings at NATO Headquarters in Brussels and in London.

At NATO headquarters Tuesday, Senator Dole will meet with NATO Secretary General Willie Claes, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, George Joulwan, as well as U.S. and European Ambassadors to NATO and representatives of countries participating in NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

During his NATO meetings, Senator Dole will discuss NATO's role after the Cold War, NATO's expansion, the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the deployment of U.S. Army divisions in Europe.

"NATO's inability to respond to a war of aggression in southeastern Europe raises serious questions about NATO's future plans to expand to central and eastern Europe," Dole said. "Without strong American leadership, NATO cannot bridge the differences within the alliance."

In London on Wednesday, Senator Dole will meet with British Prime Minister John Major and Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd to discuss NATO matters and U.S. and British differences over policy towards Bosnia, as well as Northern Ireland and GATT. Senator Dole will also meet with U.S. business leaders in London.

"It has been in our nations' mutual interest to have a strong NATO able to deter and respond to aggression in Europe. One of the keys to a healthy alliance has been close U.S. and British ties. I hope we can narrow our differences over Bosnia, and reaffirm our commitment to a credible NATO," Dole added.

Senator Dole will return to Washington Wednesday night, prior to Thursday's Senate debate and votes on GATT.

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