

*Bob Dole*



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## **NORTH KOREA**

### **NORTH KOREA'S DETENTION OF AMERICAN JEOPARDIZES NUCLEAR ACCORD,** **DEMONSTRATES IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF PACT**

**WASHINGTON --** Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement:

"The Clinton Administration has already agreed to provide millions in aid to North Korea, but I don't believe the American people will support legitimizing or providing assistance to a regime that unjustly holds an American prisoner. The Clinton Administration claims they got the best deal they could get. Before the detention of Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, the new Congress was already preparing to examine the agreement very closely, and this episode further demonstrates why such a review is important.

"North Korea's shameful handling of Bobby Hall casts doubt over the entire premise of the Clinton Administration's policy -- that there is a North Korean government willing and able to deal responsibly with the United States.

"This episode may be caught up in an internal power struggle, or it may be part of a coordinated policy to test U.S. resolve. In any case, North Korea's continued detention of Bobby Hall is outrageous and jeopardizes the U.S.-North Korea agreed framework on nuclear weapons."

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