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**STATEMENT OF  
SPEAKER GINGRICH, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER DOLE,  
& HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER ARMEY**

"We spoke to the President by phone for 40 minutes this afternoon. It was a frank and useful discussion. We told the President that once he proposes a firm budget offer that moves in the direction of the bipartisan common ground our proposals have established, we are prepared to meet."

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