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Statement of Senator Bob Dole following U.S. destruction of 3 Cambodian gunboats:

THE USE OF LIMITED, MEASURED FORCE BY THE PRESIDENT TO HELP SECURE THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE, IN MY VIEW.

THE ACTION AGAINST THE CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS WAS TAKEN TO PREVENT THE REMOVAL OF THE CREW TO THE CAMBODIAN MAINLAND. IF THAT HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO HAPPEN, THEIR SAFETY, AND THE CHANCES OF SECURING THEIR RELEASE, WOULD HAVE BEEN PROBLEMATIC AT BEST.