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DOLE TO LEAVE FOR BELGRADE CONFERENCE, VIENNA AND ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole will leave tonight on the first leg of a trip that will take him to Vienna, Belgrade and Jerusalem.

In Vienna, his first stop, Dole will meet with Czechs, Hungarians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, and Slovaks, to discuss recent developments in their homelands. "These individuals are all either former dissidents from Warsaw Pact nations or people who have close contact with dissidents and are familiar with recent developments," Dole said. "I expect this meeting to be good preliminary preparation for the Belgrade Conference." Dole will also meet with Jewish emigres from Soviet Bloc countries before he leaves Vienna on July 3.

In Belgrade, Dole will attend preparatory sessions for the Conference on Security and Cooperation as a member of the U.S. delegation. He has been a member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission -- an independent Congressional-Executive commission which monitors the Helsinki Agreement on East-West relations in Europe -- since last January.

Dole said he hopes to observe the Soviet delegation at close range, "so that I can be prepared for the main meeting in October. I also plan to meet with Ambassador Albert Sherer, head of the U.S. delegation, and Ambassador Lawrence Eagleburger, U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia."

On July 5, Dole will travel to Israel and on July 7, he will address the 80th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Jerusalem. He will return to Washington on July 9.

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