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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

DISCLOSURE OF "GERMAN PLAN"
BRINGS LEADERSHIP INTO QUESTION

Mr. President, I would like to bring to the attention of my distinguished colleagues an article that appeared in the Washington Post on August 3 under the by-line of Evans and Novak. The article is entitled "conceding defeat to Europe" and it concerns our contingency plans in case of a Soviet attack on Western Europe.

GIVE UP A THIRD OF WEST GERMANY

According to the article, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's National Security Advisor, is quoted as accepting the loss of one-third of West Germany in the event of a conventional attack by Warsaw Pact forces. Apparently, there was no dissent from any of the senior officials present, including Vice President Mondale, CIA Director Stansfield Turner and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General George Brown. Although the White House denied the report, Mr. Brzezinski's press spokesman, Jerold Schecter declined to elaborate on which statements attributed to Mr. Brzezinski were inaccurate.

NATO ALLY NOT INFORMED

I find this kind of thinking on the part of our top leaders extremely disturbing. We are talking about the territory of one of our NATO allies. And apparently, the Administration is considering this policy shift behind the back of West Germany, one of NATO's most diligent members. Let me remind my colleagues that the United States conceded territory to the Soviets in World War II and we have been wrestling with the problems created ever since.

FUTURE ACTIONS MUST BE WATCHED

In view of the fact that the Administration is espousing the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Korea at a most delicate time in the affairs of Asia, I find it inconceivable that the President's top national security officials are also secretly planning for the concession of one-third of West Germany to the Warsaw Pact in the event of a conventional attack. This is a most alarming development, Mr. President, if such discussions have indeed taken place.

Perhaps it is opportune to remind President Carter that the American people elected him President last November because of their desire for new leadership. And leadership is at the very heart of this article if I am to believe its basic accuracy. Mr. Brzezinski seems to be saying that the American people will not support increased defense spending to make the NATO alliance a truly effective deterrent to future Soviet aggression. Therefore, the United States must be willing to accept the fact that its friend and ally West Germany shall have to sacrifice one-third of its territory.

Mr. President, I believe Mr. Brzezinski, for all his supposed brilliance in foreign policy, basically underestimates the intelligence and the mettle of the American people. If there is such a resistance in this country to legitimate and necessary defense spending, a perception which I am not prepared at this time to share with the Administration, then it is incumbent upon President Carter, Mr. Brzezinski and others to take their case before the American people -- not sacrifice the territory of one of our most reliable allies in some meeting behind the closed doors of the White House.

The American people have always been willing to listen to reasoned arguments and their grasp of what constitutes the necessary elements for peace and America's contribution to that peace is broad and farreaching. I believe it is most important that we take note of this article and keep a watchful eye on the Administration's future actions with regard to our defense policy. I want to share this provocative article with my colleagues, therefore I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Record.