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ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC POLICIES ON OIL, SUGAR NOT CONSISTENT, SAYS DOLE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "I am deeply shocked at the warning by Secretary of Energy, James R. Schlesinger, Jr. that a \$5 a barrel import fee would be imposed on foreign oil if Congress does not approve the Administration plan to raise taxes on domestic oil," Senator Bob Dole said today at an early morning meeting of the President's Executive Interchange Program.

"To quote Secretary Schlesinger, 'We are in the ludicrous position in which we are subsidizing every barrel of oil that comes in this country.' I agree that subsidizing imports is ludicrous," Dole said. "Yet, that is just what the Administration has proposed, and is still proposing, for sugar. Isn't it about time that the Administration, of which Secretary Schlesinger is a part, thought in terms of a consistent policy -- in which the economic well-being of the domestic producers is a major component? Isn't it about time that the clearly spelled-out views of the Congress on sugar are implemented immediately without attempts at item vetoes and item delays? I think it is about time."

"Isn't it about time that the input of the Congress mean something at the White House? All these attempts at evading or threatening to evade the will of the Congress - by seeking out remote alternatives -- does not bode well for cooperation in the national interest."