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DOLE DECRIES 'ADMINISTRATION MEDDLING' ON CANADIAN EMBASSY MOVE ISSUE

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today called on the Carter Administration to "cease pressuring Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark on the question of where his government should locate its embassy in Israel."

Clark, during the course of his recent election campaign, promised to move the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

News sources in the United States and Canada report that this will be one of the subjects Carter plans to discuss with Clark when the two leaders meet in Tokyo next week. Carter reportedly will seek to stop Canada from making the move.

"This kind of meddling in the internal affairs of an ally is unfortunate, to say the least. It is also ironic, considering that Carter's lobbying effort is in direct contradiction with the Democratic Party Platform of 1976, which specifically mentioned moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem," added Dole.

"Canada has a right to choose where to locate its embassy, just as Israel has a right to choose which city shall be its capital. Thirteen nations, including the Netherlands and Brazil, already have embassies in Jerusalem, " Dole added.