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DOLE RENEWS CALL FOR SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT, CALLS KENNEDY STATEMENT 'UNFORTUNATE'

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today renewed his call for bipartisan support of President Carter during the current Iranian crisis and termed statements by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D.-Mass.) made in California "unfortunate."

Dole, who sent telegrams to all presidential contenders last week urging support of the President, said he was "surprised and dismayed" by statements made by Kennedy in a television interview in San Francisco.

"Obviously my distinguished colleague from Massachusetts has a right to express his views on the Shah. But I fear that Senator Kennedy, wittingly or unwittingly, may be providing ammunition for the propagandists of the Ayatollah. This kind of public discussion, at this particular time, can only act to weaken the President's hand. I would hope that the Presidential candidates, and all officials, will refrain from any statements which could be misinterpreted as a sign of division within this nation. There are fifty Americans in Iran held against their will. It would be the height of ingratitude to do or say anything which might endanger their lives further," said Senator Dole.