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DOLE URGES REAGAN A QUICK RECOVERY

WASHINGTON -- "I'm heartened by President Reagan's speedy rebound following surgery, and I wish him the best towards a healthy recovery," Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today.

"It appears that the prognosis for the President is excellent. Having recently gone through surgery myself, the best advice I could give him right now is that he take time to make sure he is fully recovered before trying to get back on the job.

"My prayers are with Jim Brady and the two other men injured in this tragic shooting, and all Americans should pray for their well-being and the comfort of their families.

"My first reaction upon hearing of the assault was a combination of disbelief and a bit of anger. I would guess that many Americans felt the same flood of feelings and memories of past tragedies involving public officials.

"Politics is a process of getting out among crowds and meeting people. Security in such fluid situations will always be difficult. Clearly, this incident demonstrates that a person intent on doing harm to a public official will usually find the opportunity to do so. It is very difficult for any politician to totally insulate himself from danger.

"Initial reports seem to indicate that the Secret Service responded quickly and competently to the situation at hand. However, I am sure there will be plenty of questioning of the security arrangements in the coming weeks, and that we will see a careful review of the protective measures afforded the President and his aides."