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ENOUGH ELBOW ROOM FOR TAX COMPROMISE, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Finance Committee Chairman Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today he feels "there is still enough elbow room to justify pursuit of a compromise tax package with House Democrats."

Dole talked by phone with Representative Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) and Senator Russell Long (D-La.) following the meeting today between President Reagan and congressional Democrats on tax cuts.

"I hope to continue a dialogue with Chairman Rostenkowski and other Democrats that will enable us to work towards a tax compromise," Dole said.

"Today's White House meeting graphically demonstrates the wide disagreements among Democrats about the need for a sizeable tax reduction. It is clear that President Reagan will not satisfy those liberal Democrats who oppose adopting a multi-year cut that would stimulate economic recovery. This is a philosophical difference that is unlikely to be resolved by any of our efforts.

"But I believe there are enough Democrats in the House and Senate who have faith in the American people. The bottom line is this: do we continue to adopt the liberal Democratic line that has led to our current economic stagnation, or do we cut taxes and give the average American more control over his personal financial situation."