

News from Senator

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DOLE RELEASES RESPONSES ON "SUNFLOWER SUMMIT"

FROM WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON--

Dear Senator Dole:

Thank you for your May 18 letter endorsing the invitation from Mayor Longhurst for the President to meet with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in Lawrence, Kansas.

We appreciate having your comments and recommendation regarding this very thoughtful invitation to the President. I assure you that most careful consideration will be given to this request.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

Dear Senator Dole:

Thank you for forwarding the invitation, on behalf of the citizens of Lawrence, Kansas, for a U.S.-Soviet summit in their city. The President's office referred your letter of May 18, 1983 to the Department of State for careful consideration.

We appreciate the concern of your constituents and their efforts to better the climate of U.S.-Soviet relations. On our part, we have made clear to General Secretary Andropov that the U.S. will continue to be firm in its response to unacceptable Soviet actions, such as the continuing occupation of Afghanistan. But we are also ready and willing to resolve outstanding problems with the Soviet Union. These points have been and will continue to be transmitted to the Soviet side through the Soviet Embassy here, by our Embassy in Moscow, and in other bilateral fora. Concerning the general question of a future U.S.-Soviet summit, President Reagan has said on many occasions that he would be willing to meet Secretary Andropov, but that this would require careful preparation and the expectation of tangible results.

We are continuing an active dialogue with the Soviets to find opportunities for constructive and genuine progress on specific problems, but we must be realistic. It is likely to be a slow and difficult process.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Powell A. Moore  
Assistant Secretary  
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