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DOLE ASKS GROMYKO FOR HELP ON HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANS.) AND SENATOR RUDY BOSCHWITZ (R-MINN.) HAVE ASKED SOVIET FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER ANDREI A. GROMYKO TO HELP THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL GAIN ACCESS TO SOVIET DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PERSECUTION OF SOVIET CITIZENS DURING WORLD WAR II.

In a letter dated May 29, Senators Dole and Boschwitz stated: "During World War II, the Nazis murdered over two million Soviet prisoners of war and persecuted millions of Soviet civilians because of their ethnic origin. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum would like to recognize this suffering and sacrifice by the Soviet people."

They asked that United States Holocaust Memorial Council archivists be allowed to work with Soviet counterparts to survey the relevant archival collections in the USSR for documentary and instructional resources of the Holocaust. These would include documents of Nazi persecution of individuals and groups in the USSR because of their ethnic origin and anti-fascist activity, their anti-fascist struggle, and the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps by the Soviet army.

Dole and Boschwitz called on Gromyko to "share in our effort to bear witness to the Holocaust, to commemorate all victims, and to fully educate present and future generations about this tragedy by helping the United States Holocaust Memorial Council gain access to the archives of the USSR..."