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DOLE MEETS WITH HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE DELEGATION ON TRADE

WASHINGTON -- Following up on an initiative developed in Japan, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS.) today met with a high-level delegation from that country's ruling Liberal Democratic Party to discuss trade problems.

The group was sent by Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone at the invitation of Sen. Dole, who along with six other senators, visited Tokyo in August to deliver a frank message on the trade imbalance between the U.S. and Japan. At the time, Dole indicated that it might be beneficial for Japanese politicians to meet with U.S. congressional leaders and other Americans to see and hear first-hand how seriously the U.S. views the trade problem.

Following the meeting, Dole said, "I gave the delegation as honest an appraisal of congressional sentiment on trade issues as I could. I told them that while most in Congress subscribe, like President Reagan, to the concept of free trade, when it comes down to one industry or one region of the country that is being crippled by unfair trade practices, members want action now to correct the inequity."

Dole noted that the Japanese delegation outlined their government's "Action Program", which is designed to knock down some of the existing trade barriers. And they emphasized extra efforts now being pursued by Nakasone to increase American imports through legislative and executive action.

"Meeting and talking with those of us in Congress who have our antenna attuned to public perceptions about trade -- and are poised to do something to equalize U.S. access to foreign markets -- will underscore what the Japanese have only read about in their own country," Dole said. "And we can only hope the message they bring home furthers Japanese efforts to deal with the situation quickly."

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