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SHULTZ/TAMBO MEETING MIGHT BE "WRONG SIGNAL ON TERRORISM";
DOLE, WALLOP TO INTRODUCE SENATE RESOLUTION ON ANC CHIEF'S VISIT

WASHINGTON -- SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ'S SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS COULD BE THE "WRONG SIGNAL ON TERRORISM".

THAT STATEMENT CAME TODAY FROM SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS), WHO ANNOUNCED HE WILL INTRODUCE A SENATE RESOLUTION URGING SECRETARY SHULTZ TO USE TOMORROW'S MEETING WITH OLIVER TAMBO TO DELIVER A LOUD AND CLEAR MESSAGE: THAT THE ANC AND ITS LEADER MUST "PUBLICLY AND SINCERELY DISAVOW THE USE OF TERRORISM TO ADVANCE THEIR POLITICAL AIMS".

SENATOR MALCOLM WALLOP (R-WY) WILL JOIN SENATOR DOLE IN INTRODUCING THE RESOLUTION.

"THE ADMINISTRATION MADE A CLOSE AND TOUGH CALL IN SCHEDULING A MEETING WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT PRACTICES, CONDONES AND REFUSES TO DISAVOW THE USE OF TERRORISM," DOLE SAID. "NOW THAT THE MEETING IS ON FOR WEDNESDAY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST USE THE VISIT TO PRESSURE OLIVER TAMBO TO RENOUNCE TERRORISM.

"MEETING WITH MR. TAMBO WITHOUT THAT KIND OF PRECONDITION COMES PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO SENDING THE WRONG KIND OF MESSAGE ON TERRORISM -- THE SAME WRONG KIND OF MESSAGE THAT MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY BEEN SENT IN OUR ARMS DEALINGS WITH IRAN," DOLE ADDED.

THE RESOLUTION CALLS ON THE SECRETARY TO PUT TWO TOPICS AT THE TOP OF HIS AGENDA WITH THE ANC CHIEF: 1) THE ANC MUST CONDEMN TERRORISM, ESPECIALLY THE BARBARIC PRACTICE OF "NECKLACING", THE METHOD OF MURDERING POLITICAL OPPONENTS BY PLACING BURNING AUTO TIRES AROUND THEIR NECKS; AND 2) IF THE ANC REFUSES, THEN THE U.S. MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT IT WILL OPPOSE ANY ANC PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

"THE QUESTION IS NOT RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA -- RACISM MUST GO. THE QUESTION IS NOT APARTHEID -- APARTHEID MUST GO, TOO. THE QUESTION IS TERRORISM, AND WHETHER THE UNITED STATES AGREES THAT TERRORISM IS A VIABLE POLITICAL TOOL. I DON'T AND I KNOW THE SENATE WILL AGREE," DOLE CONCLUDED.

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