

## News from Senator

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### DOLE CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR CLOSING OF PLO OFFICES IN U.S.

WASHINGTON -- IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ, SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS.) CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR THE CLOSING OF TWO PLO OFFICES LOCATED IN THE U.S. DOLE ASKED IF "ALL THE OPTIONS UNDER EXISTING LAW" HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLORED...TO MOVE AGAINST THESE PLO OFFICES."

Responding to a telegram sent late last year by Dole and nine Senate colleagues, Secretary Shultz said both PLO offices were operating within U.S. law.

In the February 6 follow-up letter, Dole said the administration ought to look into whether new "legal tools are needed to monitor, regulate and perhaps even close these PLO offices."

The text of the letter follows:

The Honorable George P. Shultz  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, 1987, responding to my earlier telegram on the status of offices of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the United States.

While I understand the points you make, I am concerned about your response on two counts.

First, I wonder whether the Administration has explored thoroughly all of the options under existing law, and consistent with our obligations as host to the United Nations (UN), to move against these PLO offices. In order to help me in evaluating that question, I would appreciate a

detailed report on how the PLO office in Washington has responded to the requirements of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. I would also ask for an authoritative Administration position, with explanation, of whether that PLO office might not be subject to the requirements of the Voorhis Act and the Racketeer Influence Corrupt Organization Act (RICO). Finally, I request a similarly detailed report on whether and how the activities of the PLO office in New York comport with its status as a UN "observer mission." In particular, I would ask that the latter report address how the Administration is implementing our obligations to provide the PLO a permanent New York office (as opposed to a temporary office, during the periods when the UN is in session); to permit PLO representatives to remain in the United States even when the UN is not in session; and to permit PLO representatives travel outside of 25 miles from the UN.

Second, I believe it is also in the Administration's interest to explore -- with me and other concerned Members of Congress -- the question of whether new legal tools are needed to monitor, regulate and perhaps even close these PLO offices. While I strongly oppose and would not be party to the violation of anyone's rights, I am not satisfied to simply throw up my hands and say that nothing can be done about the fact that a known terrorist organization can maintain open and active offices in the United States.

I would appreciate your earliest consideration of these matters, and I look forward to working cooperatively with you and others in the Administration to address the concerns I have raised.

Sincerely yours,



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