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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

WILLIAM CASEY: 1913-1987

I AM SADDENED BY THE NEWS THAT A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT -- WILLIAM J. CASEY -- PASSED AWAY AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL EARLY THIS MORNING. HE WAS A MAN WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO HIS COUNTRY, IN WAR AND PEACE.

THROUGHOUT HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER, BILL NEVER DUCKED A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT: WHEN HIS COUNTRY CALLED, HE ALWAYS ANSWERED.

DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HE BECAME ONE OF OUR KEY FIGURES IN THE HIGH STAKES INTELLIGENCE BATTLE WITH THE NAZIS. AS THE CHIEF OF SECRET INTELLIGENCE OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (OSS), BILL CASEY'S KEEN JUDGEMENT PAID OFF AGAIN AND AGAIN. HIS SUPER INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING OPERATION HELPED PUT THE FORCES OF FREEDOM ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE ENEMY; AND THANKS TO HIS BRILLIANCE, MANY ALLIED LIVES WERE SAVED.

AFTER THE WAR, BILL HELPED THE U.S. CATCH UP ON THE COLD WAR INTELLIGENCE FRONT. HE SERVED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WAS APPOINTED TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ARMS CONTROL BY PRESIDENT NIXON, AND, AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT FORD, UNCOVERED THE FULL EXTENT OF THE SOVIET'S MILITARY MIGHT.

AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, BILL CASEY TOOK ON ANOTHER TOUGH ASSIGNMENT. DESPITE THE ANTI-INTELLIGENCE BACKLASH OF WATERGATE, HE RESTORED AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND KEPT US FROM BEING LEFT IN THE DUST BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS KGB. I SHUDDER TO THINK WHERE THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE RIGHT NOW WITHOUT THE INDISPENSIBLE WORK OF BILL CASEY.

AS THE HEARINGS ON THE SO-CALLED IRAN/CONTRA AFFAIR CONTINUE THIS WEEK, WE ALL AGREE THAT THE TRUTH SHOULD PREVAIL; AND THAT ALL THE DETAILS AND FACTS SHOULD COME OUT. BUT LET'S ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT WE CAN'T TO RUSH TO JUDGEMENT.

LET'S REMEMBER WILLIAM CASEY TODAY FOR WHAT HE WAS -- A TRUE PATRIOT.

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