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"STICK TO THE RULES" ON SAUDI MISSILE SALE

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY URGED THE ADMINISTRATION TO "STICK TO THE RULES" IN NOTIFYING CONGRESS OF ITS INTENTION TO SELL MODERN MAVERICK AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES TO SAUDI ARABIA.

Using a legal technicality, the Administration has sought to cut the time Congress has to consider the sale from a normal 50 days to 30 days.

Dole first made the suggestion to a White House aide last night, and a number of other Senators made the same point today, in a meeting Dole arranged for interested Senators from both parties with Secretary of State Shultz.

"It was obvious in our meeting that there is a great deal of skepticism about this proposal. Secretary Shultz did a good job making the Administration's case, but I don't think he won many converts," Dole said. "And by skirting the notification rules, the Administration has just added fuel to the fire."

"No question about it, this sale is very controversial and will get intense scrutiny. I hope the Administration will give the Congress the full time it has, under standard procedures, to consider this matter fully."