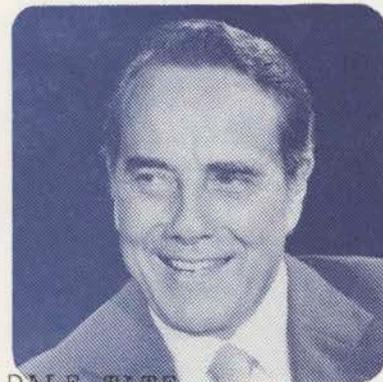


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## DOLE SAYS DOOR LEFT WIDE OPEN FOR SANDINISTA CHEATING

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY SAID THAT THE EXTENDED ABSENCE FROM NICARAGUA OF CARDINAL OBANDO Y BRAVO, "COULD OPEN THE DOOR WIDE TO SANDINISTA CHEATING ON THE PEACE PROCESS."

"According to press reports, Cardinal Obando y Bravo, the head of the Commission established to monitor Sandinista compliance with the Guatemala City Accord, departed today for Rome to participate in a meeting of the Vatican Senate -- a meeting scheduled to last 30 days. In his absence, the Commission will be headed by Sandinista Vice President Ramirez.

If this story is true, it raises an enormous new question mark about how effective the Commission can be in monitoring Sandinista compliance.

If Obando is gone for more than a few days at this critical time, it could open the door wide to Sandinista cheating on the peace process. And having Ramirez head the Compliance Commission is like having the fox stand guard outside the chicken coop.

I hope that the Vatican meeting will not keep Cardinal Obando away from Managua at this juncture. Even with him there, the Commission is stacked in favor of the Sandinistas; only his strong and independent voice gives the Commission any credibility at all.

There is just no way the Commission can function properly without him; and no way any thinking individual is going to accept any judgment from a commission headed by a senior Sandinista, and totally dominated by Sandinista sympathizers."