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DOLE TAKES LEAD IN DEVELOPING SAUDI ARMS SALE COMPROMISE

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY ANNOUNCED A COMPROMISE SAUDI ARMS SALE PROPOSAL THAT BOTH KEY SENATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE EMBRACED.

"This is a welcome opportunity -- to have the White House and many of us in Congress, on both sides of the aisle -- come to an agreement on an important national security issue."

"I have a series of meeting in my office over the past few weeks where there's been give and take on both sides. Everyone involved -- Secretary of State Shultz, Frank Carlucci, Senators Metzenbaum, Boschwitz, Cranston, and Packwood -- all deserve credit for working cooperatively and in good faith."

"The Saudi arms package that will be proposed fits into the criteria I think many of us share: It will not upset the military balance in the Middle East; it will not increase the threat to Israel; and it will help a friend, who faces a legitimate threat from Iran, one who is willing to risk an increase in that threat by supporting our operations in the Persian Gulf."