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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
SHULTZ ANNOUNCEMENT IN MOSCOW  
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## INF ISSUE

I WELCOME TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN MOSCOW ON APPARENT PROGRESS TOWARD FINAL ACHIEVEMENT OF AN INF AGREEMENT. A GOOD AGREEMENT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD ON THE ROAD TOWARD A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS ALSO MORE PROOF THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRATEGY -- OF STRENGTH; BARGAINING TOUGHNESS; FLEXIBILITY; AND CLOSE COOPERATION WITH OUR ALLIES -- THAT STRATEGY WORKS.

SO WHEN THAT TREATY COMES TO THE SENATE, WE'LL BE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT IT. I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED A COUPLE OF PARTICULAR AREAS OF CONCERN -- VERIFICATION; MAKING SURE WE HAVE EFFECTIVE OPTIONS TO DEAL WITH SOVIET VIOLATIONS, IF THEY SHOULD OCCUR. AND THERE WILL BE OTHERS.

AND, AS I HAVE ALSO SAID, I'M GOING TO RESERVE FINAL JUDGEMENT UNTIL I SEE THE TREATY; AND UNTIL WE IN THE SENATE HAVE THE CHANCE TO FULFILL OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED, INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT ON IT.

## NO SUMMIT NOW

AS TO THE OTHER HALF OF THE MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT: THE FACT THAT THE WIDELY EXPECTED SUMMIT HAS NOT MATERIALIZED REMINDS US AGAIN THAT -- IN LOOKING AT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS -- WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP THOSE ROSE-COLORED GLASSES ON THE SHELF.

THE BUZZWORD THESE DAYS IS "GLASNOST," WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE SOMETHING VERY NEW.

BUT I WONDER IF WE'RE NOT SEEING A SOVIET TACTIC THAT IS VERY OLD -- THE SAME TACTIC WE SAW AT REYKJAVIK: YOU DANGLE SOMETHING THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A BIG PRIZE -- IN THIS CASE, A SUMMIT; YOU LET EXPECTATIONS BUILD; AND AT THE LAST MINUTE YOU THROW A NEW DEMAND ON THE TABLE. THIS TIME THE GOAL IS CLEARLY TO GET SOME CONCESSIONS ON ABM AND SDI.

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WELL, I WOULD WELCOME A SUMMIT. IT COULD BE USEFUL. WE HAVE MANY THINGS TO TALK TO GORBACHEV ABOUT -- ARMS CONTROL, OF COURSE; BUT MANY OTHER THINGS, TOO.

BUT A SUMMIT IS NOT A PRIZE THAT WE SHOULD BE PAYING FOR -- ESPECIALLY NOT WITH CONCESSIONS ON SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS SDI OR THE ABM ISSUE. A SUMMIT IS A PLACE TO DO BUSINESS; AND IF GORBACHEV WOULD RATHER POSTURE THAN DO BUSINESS -- SO BE IT.

SO MY VIEW IS: LET'S GO FORWARD ON THE INF PROCESS. LET'S KEEP THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION OPEN -- ON OTHER ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, AND OTHER THINGS, TOO: REGIONAL CONFLICTS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALL THE REST.

AND LET'S JUST RELAX ON THE SUMMIT ISSUE.

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