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10 GOP SENATORS TELL PRESIDENT THEY'LL BACK INF:
DOLE LEADS GROUP TO WHITE HOUSE

FOLLOWING UP ON HIS PLEDGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN TO WIN REPUBLICAN VOTES FOR THE INF TREATY, 10 GOP SENATORS TODAY JOINED SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) AT A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO DISCUSS RATIFICATION OF THE INF PACT.

The Senators, who met with the President, congratulated him for achieving the treaty, and affirmed support for it in principle, included: Christopher Bond, Mo.; Rudy Boschwitz, Minn.; Alphonse D'Amato, N.Y.; John Danforth, Mo.; Pete Domenici, N.M.; Chic Hecht, Nev.; Bob Kasten, Wis.; Richard Lugar, Ind.; Paul Trible, Va.; and Pete Wilson, Calif. Senators Warren Rudman, N.H.; Thad Cochran, Miss.; and Robert Stafford, Vt.; who also support the treaty had planned to attend today, but other commitments kept them from being there. Additional Republican Senators have expressed support for the treaty.

Participants expressed their varying views on the treaty, but said they want to play constructive role as the treaty moves through the Senate ratification process. All agreed that any proposed additions will aim at strengthening the treaty, the President's hand in future talks, and American security.

"This is a big step in guaranteeing a big Republican vote for the Treaty," Dole said.

The meeting is a follow-on to last Thursday's between Dole and President Reagan. At that time, Dole pledged his support for the treaty, and told the President he would work to convince other Republicans to join him. Dole also pointed to three areas of concern, which he will raise during the ratification process: verification, compliance and the imbalance of conventional forces in Europe.

"I told the President we're making good progress on picking up support on the Treaty and we'll continue to work with the White House. My colleagues expressed concerns about certain aspects of the Treaty, but there's no doubt when the votes are cast we'll have overwhelming Republican support," Dole concluded.