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DOLE HANDS LETTER TO CHINESE AMBASSADOR
40 REPUBLICAN SENATORS EXPRESS "OUTRAGE" AT
CHINESE GOVERNMENT BRUTALITY
NO TOLERATION OF "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

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40 REPUBLICAN SENATORS - TO CHINESE AMBASSADOR HAN XU.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We have no desire, nor intent, to interfere in the internal affairs of your country. But, as you conclude your distinguished service here and return to Beijing, we want to be certain that you take with you no illusions about our reaction to recent events in China, and our concern about their impact on U.S.-Chinese relations. The American people, and those of us who have been elected to represent them, are outraged that your Government has so brutally repressed peaceful demonstrations of hundreds of thousands of Chinese citizens. We regard the continued harassment, arrest and even execution of those deemed responsible for organizing the demonstrations as gross violations of the rights of your citizenry, for which there is no legitimate reason or excuse.

Should your Government continue on the course of state-sponsored violence and intimidation on which you are embarked, the damage to U.S.-Chinese relations will be tremendous. That is not a threat; it is a fact. The American people will simply not tolerate a continuation of "business as usual" with a Government that sees, and treats, its own people as the enemy.

Mr. Ambassador, we ask you to carry this message home to your Government. Every one of us highly values the mutually beneficial relations which our nations have enjoyed in recent years. Not one of us seeks to undermine those relations. But unless your Government returns to the policies of reason and moderation which brought you so much progress in recent years, we are all convinced that U.S.-Chinese relations will continue to deteriorate, with grave consequences for both of our countries.

Sincerely yours,

ALAN K. SIMPSON
Assistant Republican Leader

BOB DOLE
Republican Leader

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