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DOLE SENDS TELEGRAM TO U.S. AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE;
COMMUNIST CRACKDOWNS ARE UNACCEPTABLE

WASHINGTON - BECAUSE OF HIS GROWING CONCERN WITH THE DETERIORATING SECURITY AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA -- ESPECIALLY THE RENEWED INTERVENTION BY THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED YUGOSLAVIAN FEDERAL ARMY AGAINST THE DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLICA OF CROATIA -- SENATOR BOB DOLE TODAY SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE, WARREN ZIMMERMAN.

May 2, 1991

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am aware of the deteriorating situation in the Knin area of the Republic of Croatia. News reports indicate an escalation in violence, as well as the growing presence of Yugoslav Army troops and tanks in the region. This situation is of serious concern to me and I hope that the State Department is clearly communicating its support for the Republic of Croatia and its opposition to the use of force by the Yugoslav Army to undermine that democratically elected government.

In this regard, I have attached the text of S. Res. 106, which was unanimously approved by the Senate prior to our adjourning for recess. As you can see, the resolution reflects the consensus in the Senate that U.S. policy should be based on support for democracy and human rights for all of the people of Yugoslavia. The resolution also states the Senate's opposition to the use of force and calls on the Yugoslav Army to refrain from the use of coercive tactics and force against the democratically elected governments of the republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia.

I would ask that you bring this resolution to the attention of the appropriate authorities at the federal level, in addition to the leadership of the Yugoslav Army. The Senate's position is unanimous, unequivocal and on the side of freedom and democracy.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate