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YUGOSLAVIA CRISIS

DOLE APPEALS TO PRESIDENT WITH 4-POINT PLAN FOR URGENT EFFORTS TO STOP YUGOSLAV ARMY AGGRESSION & BRUTAL CRACKDOWN ON DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON -- THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER SENT TODAY BY SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TO PRESIDENT BUSH URGING CONSIDERATION OF A FOUR-POINT PLAN TO BRING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE YUGOSLAV POLITICAL CRISIS:

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

July 3, 1991

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

The situation in Yugoslavia grows more grave by the minute. As the Yugoslav army advances toward the borders of Croatia and Slovenia, the last hopes for a peaceful resolution of the crisis are rapidly disappearing. I believe it is imperative that we undertake urgent efforts to pressure, and if necessary compel, the Yugoslav army to halt its aggression, and the Yugoslav and Serbian Governments to halt their violent crackdown on democracy and human rights.

Among the steps that I hope you will seriously consider are:

- A direct, personal appeal to Soviet President Gorbachev to (1) use all the influence of his Government on the Yugoslav Government and army to immediately halt all military operations, and other use of force and coercion, and (2) to support multilateral efforts, such as CSCE, to resolve the crisis.
- American leadership to create a NATO peacekeeping force, prepared to intervene if no other option is available to restore peace.
- A call for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council, to consider a UN peacekeeping force.
- Clear declarations of our intent to not recognize or deal with any government installed in Belgrade or anywhere else in Yugoslavia through a military coup, to include imposition of an international arms embargo on Yugoslavia.

As always, I stand ready to do everything I can to insure that any actions you do take have strong support in the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Dole

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United States Senate