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## **OCTOBER SURPRISE PROBE**

PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS -- IN THE MIDST OF AN OFFICIAL NINE DAY TOUR OF KANSAS, SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY REGARDING THE FORMATION OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE "PERSISTENT RUMORS" ABOUT THE 1980 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD IN IRAN:

"CONGRESS SHOULDN'T BE IN THE BUSINESS OF INVESTIGATING RUMORS," DOLE SAID. "THIS PARTISAN PROBE WILL BE A COSTLY WASTE OF TIME AND TAXPAYER DOLLARS. THERE IS NOTHING TO HIDE, BUT IF DEMOCRATS WANT TO INVESTIGATE RONALD REAGAN'S 1980 CAMPAIGN, THEY OUGHT TO LET THEIR PARTY PAY FOR IT INSTEAD OF THE TAXPAYERS.

"IT LOOKS LIKE THE CAMPAIGN DEMOCRATS ARE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IS 1992 -- 'PERSISTENT RUMOR' HAS IT, THE SO-CALLED OCTOBER SURPRISE WILL BE THE CORNERSTONE OF THEIR DOMESTIC AGENDA.

"IF CONGRESS IS DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD WITH IT, THE PROBE SHOULD BE NON-PARTISAN, AND WIDENED TO INCLUDE THE CARTER YEARS AND THAT ADMINISTRATION'S FINGERPRINTS ON THE TEHRAN TRAGEDY."

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