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### DOLE: HARDLINE COUP ATTEMPT ANOTHER "WAKE UP CALL" FOR LIBERALS

Dodge City, Kansas -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS), while on a 23-city tour of Kansas, today issued the following statement on the apparent failed coup attempt in the Soviet Union. Dole said the crisis in the Soviet Union should serve as a "wake up call" to those people who continue to believe America's national security can count on Soviet stability.

"Let's hope the upheaval in the Soviet Union puts a few more cracks in the rose-colored glasses liberals wear when they look at Moscow," Dole said. "If there is one lesson to be learned from the coup attempt, it is that America can never afford to drop its guard, no matter how things look on any given day.

"And let's never forget the vast Soviet nuclear arsenal. The Defense Minister who supposedly committed suicide today had his finger on the button yesterday -- Who knows who will be in charge tomorrow.

"The good news is, the American people understand what some politicians just can't grasp -- that this is no time to dismantle our defense. The Soviet coup should be another wake up call for the liberals, and anyone else who believes that the Soviet threat is over.

"America must keep investing in the brilliant high-tech advantage that proved so successful in the Persian Gulf War, including strong support for stealth technology and the B-2 bomber, along with defensive SDI systems.

"While Soviet stability careens to the brink and back, America must remain strong and ready to respond at a moment's notice to any challenge," Dole said.

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