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## HUMANITARIAN AID TO USSR

LOOK TO FOREIGN AID BUDGET, NOT DEFENSE, IF SHORT-TERM AID NEEDED

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSALS TO DIVERT U.S. DEFENSE FUNDS TO HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE SOVIET UNION:

"LET'S LOOK BEFORE WE LEAP -- AND THINK BEFORE WE START WRITING CHECKS.

"IF -- UNDERLINED, IF -- THE SITUATION DETERIORATES TO THE POINT WHERE THERE IS A REAL THREAT TO ORDER, THEN WE OUGHT TO TAKE A LOOK AT ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID.

"EVEN THEN, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO RAID DEFENSE FOR THIS MONEY. THE COUP SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT US THAT THE SOVIETS STILL HAVE A HUGE NUCLEAR ARSENAL, AND FROM DAY TO DAY IT'S NOT ALWAYS CLEAR WHO IS IN CHARGE. SO FOR THE TIME BEING, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE KEEP OUR EYES WIDE OPEN, AND OUR GUARD UP.

"IT SEEMS TO ME THE SENSIBLE THING IS TO TAKE FOREIGN AID -- FROM THE FOREIGN AID BUDGET. IT'S A \$15 BILLION POT -- AND IF PRIORITIES ARE CHANGING, AS THEY ARE, THEN WE OUGHT TO MODESTLY READJUST THAT BUDGET TO MEET THE NEW PRIORITIES.

"LET'S ALSO REMEMBER: A BILLION DOLLARS IS NOT GOING TO SAVE THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET UNION WILL SURVIVE ONLY IF IT INSTITUTES FUNDAMENTAL FREE MARKET REFORM, STARTING NOW, AND PROCEEDING URGENTLY. AND LET'S ALSO REMEMBER: POWER IS SHIFTING DRAMATICALLY TO THE REPUBLICS. THAT'S WHERE THE BULK OF ANY NEW AID OUGHT TO GO, TOO."

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