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### DOLE: TIME FOR SERBIAN COMMUNISTS TO LEARN LESSON OF FAILED SOVIET COUP

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today issued the following statement regarding the unstable political situation in Yugoslavia:

"Communism is crumbling in the Soviet Union by the hour. Unfortunately, the hardline Communists in Serbia apparently haven't noticed. Despite the failure of his 'Big Brothers' in the Soviet Union, Slobodan Milosevic and his communist cronies are waging a bloody war against the democratic government of Croatia and its citizens -- all with the help of the Yugoslav army and extremist Serbian guerrillas, and in the name of communism and a 'greater Serbia.'

"There are real ethnic tensions throughout Yugoslavia, and some legitimate grievances on all sides, but the bottom line is Milosevic is implementing a conscious policy of repression, violence, intimidation and killing. It began in Kosova over two years ago, and now we see it in Croatia and Slovenia. Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia are no doubt next on the Milosevic hit list.

"But the people of Croatia, Slovenia, Kosova, Vojvodina, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia won't cave in to communism. And the people of Serbia -- the majority of whom want just as much as the other people of Yugoslavia freedom and a peaceful resolution of Yugoslavia's problems -- earlier this year took to the streets in Belgrade to make it clear that they, too, are fed up with Milosevic. Moreover, Europe and the United States have made it clear that they won't tolerate the realization of a 'Milosevic doctrine.'

"It's time for Milosevic and his hardline communist cronies to take a cue from their Soviet buddies and make their final exit and allow the popular forces of independence and democracy to work their will.

"The writing on the wall is clear -- communism is not welcome in Europe anymore."

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