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YUGOSLAVIA

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST BRING PRESSURE TO END AGGRESSION
AGAINST FREEDOM-MINDED REPUBLICS;
MILOSEVIC AMONG WORLD'S LAST HARDLINE COMMUNISTS

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE DETERIORATING POLITICAL SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA:

"THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF HARDLINE COMMUNISTS LEFT IN THE WORLD -- AND LOOMING LARGE AMONG THEM ARE SERBIA'S SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC AND CUBA'S FIDEL CASTRO. EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOW ISOLATED AND CAN NO LONGER CAN RELY ON SUPPORT FROM SOVIET HARDLINERS, THEY STUBBORNLY CLING ON TO POWER, NEVER FLINCHING FROM THE SEVERE REPRESSION THAT IS THEIR TRADEMARK.

"TRAGICALLY, UNDER MILOSEVIC, THE BRUTAL REPRESSION WE FIRST SAW IN KOSOVA HAS MUSHROOMED INTO AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST ANYONE WHO WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF COMMUNISM AND A "GREATER SERBIA." SLOVENIA WAS THE FIRST TO COME UNDER ATTACK AND NOW CROATIA IS UNDER SIEGE. YESTERDAY, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S MONITORS IN CROATIA CONFIRMED THAT DESPITE THE YUGOSLAV ARMY'S CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE UNITS ARE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING SERB GUERRILLAS BY BOMBING CROATIAN CITIES AND VILLAGES. THE MONITORS ALSO CONCLUDED THAT THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT IS ENCOURAGING THE USE OF FORCE BY THE ARMY AND SERB MILITANTS.

"I COMMEND THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS STRONG SUPPORT OF EC EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A GENUINE CEASEFIRE AND I HOPE THAT THIS IS A STEP TOWARD GREATER U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN BRINGING THIS UNJUST WAR TO AN END.

"THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE DEMOCRATIC-MINDED CITIZENS OF SERBIA -- MANY OF WHOM COURAGEOUSLY PROTESTED AGAINST THE MILOSEVIC REGIME LAST MARCH -- NEED TO JOIN TOGETHER TO PUT ALL MEANS OF PRESSURE ON SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC TO BRING HIS REIGN OF TERROR TO AN END. AT STAKE IN THIS WAR ARE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY."

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