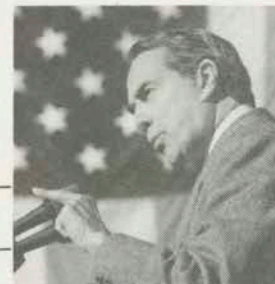


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**CROATIA**

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**EMERGENCY AIRLIFT REQUESTED BY SENATOR DOLE**  
**ON ITS WAY TO CROATIA**

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE C-5 WILL BE DEPARTING TONIGHT FROM DOVER AFB IN DELAWARE WITH CARGO DESTINED FOR 500,000 REFUGEES IN THE WAR-TORN REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

AT SENATOR DOLE'S REQUEST, EXCESS PENTAGON SUPPLIES OF COTS, BLANKETS, COLD-WEATHER PARKAS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES WILL BE AIRLIFTED TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA. FROM VIENNA, THE CARGO WILL BE TRUCKED INTO CROATIA BY THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, CARITAS. ALSO ON BOARD THE C-5 WILL BE DONATED SUPPLIES AND MEDICINE FROM THE RED CROSS, BAXTER LABORATORIES AND OTHER PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS.

THE PENTAGON WILL ALSO BE TRUCKING EXCESS FOOD SUPPLIES INTO AUSTRIA. FIFTY CONTAINERS OF FOOD, VALUED AT A TOTAL OF \$1.7 MILLION, WILL BE BROUGHT TO VIENNA FROM WAREHOUSES IN ROTTERDAM. THESE FOOD SUPPLIES WILL ALSO BE DELIVERED TO CROATIA AND DISTRIBUTED BY CARITAS.

"I HOPE THAT THIS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WILL PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF COMFORT TO THE CROATIANS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK BY THE FORCES OF THE HARDLINE SERBIAN DICTATOR," DOLE SAID. "BUT WHILE THIS RELIEF MAY EASE SOME PAIN, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE NEXT STEP MUST BE AN END TO THE NEEDLESS BLOODSHED IN YUGOSLAVIA, A CONFLICT BROUGHT ON BY THE STALINIST REGIME IN BELGRADE."

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ASSISTANCE IS OVER \$2.5 MILLION. SENATOR DOLE FIRST REQUESTED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR CROATIA IN OCTOBER. THE REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BAKER IN LATE NOVEMBER.

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