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## GATT

DOLE WANTS PRESIDENT TO STAND FIRM IN GATT TALKS:  
AGRICULTURE AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE RENEGOTIATED

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today urged President Clinton to not reopen the agricultural agreement reached last November between the United States and the European Community in the Uruguay Round negotiations. Dole and other farm-state Senators sent a letter to the President today stressing that progress in the trade talks can only be achieved by moving forward, not by revisiting issues already settled. Recent news reports have noted that certain European officials have asked that the agricultural agreement be reopened.

Excerpts of the Dole letter follow:

"The U.S.-EC accord reached last November at the Blair House was acceptable to U.S. agricultural interests only because it was viewed as helping to end six years of tension and stalemate over agricultural trade issues in the GATT talks, the agreement averted a major trade conflict over the EC's oilseed subsidies and made it possible for the talks to move forward."

"If the Blair House deal is weakened in any respect, the Uruguay Round might be jeopardized. We have repeatedly stated that we will support an agreement only if it is good for the United States and provides meaningful benefits to U.S. agriculture."

"We urge you to impress upon world leaders that a successful Uruguay Round depends on settling differences on issues that remain to be resolved, such as market access."

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