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DOLE MEETS WITH POLAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today met with the Foreign Minister of Poland, His Eminence Wladislaw Bartoszewski. They discussed the issue of NATO enlargement and the continued need for American leadership and an American presence in Europe.

"I was impressed by Foreign Minister Bartoszewski," Dole said after the meeting in the Majority Leader's U.S. Capitol office. "He made a strong case for NATO enlargement, and clearly and articulately outlined Poland's potential contributions to NATO. In my view, Poland could make significant contributions to the Alliance. The Polish government should be commended for its vigorous participation in the Partnership for Peace.

"The Foreign Minister also called for American leadership in the enlargement process," Dole continued. "I agree that the United States must lead if NATO expansion is to occur in a timely manner. Furthermore, I believe that America must develop closer political and military cooperation with Poland. This too will facilitate the NATO enlargement process."

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