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NUCLEAR TEST BAN

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

I am deeply troubled by the President's decision to negotiate a zero yield comprehensive test ban. Particularly disconcerting are the continued reports of Pentagon concerns regarding the potential effect of eliminating all nuclear testing on the safety and reliability of our nuclear arsenal. Furthermore, the President's decision must be placed in the context of the Bottom Up Review and the Nuclear Posture Review, which did not adequately deal with the role of nuclear weapons in America's future security. If a zero yield comprehensive test ban is agreed to, the credibility, safety, and security of our nuclear deterrent will be fundamentally affected for years to come.

No doubt about it, nuclear weapons are the most potent weapons on earth. However, they are also the foundation of our nation's deterrent and will remain so into the next century.

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