

Bob Dole



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CASTRO VISA

DOLE URGES DENIAL OF VISA TO CASTRO:
DOLE PREPARED TO OFFER AMENDMENT TO CUBAN LIBERTY BILL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding Cuban dictator Fidel Castro's request for a visa to enter the United States to visit the United Nations:

"President Clinton should exercise his authority to control access to sovereign United States territory to deny entry to Fidel Castro. There should be no doubt that Castro will use any visit to lobby for an end to the U.S. embargo of Cuba. No United Nations agreement could or should obligate the commander in chief of the U.S. to allow representatives of terrorist states to enter the United States to lobby for changes in U.S. law. Many visa requests for U.N. visits by foreign diplomats have been denied in past years. If the legal authority to deny a visa is in doubt despite these past instances, I am prepared to offer an amendment addressing the issue to legislation tightening the embargo on Cuba later this week."

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