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BOSNIA, US TROOPS & CONGRESS

MAJORITY OF SENATORS JOIN DOLE IN URGING PRESIDENT TO SEEK CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS FOR BOSNIA PEACE SETTLEMENT

Washington -- Fifty-one United States Senators, led by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, today urged President Clinton to seek authorization from Congress prior to any deployment of U.S. ground troops in Bosnia. The text of the Senators' letter to President Clinton follows:

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to strongly urge you to request Congressional authorization for any deployment of U.S. ground forces into Bosnia and Herzegovina. In our view it is essential that the American people are supportive of any operation that sends our soldiers into harms' way -- especially one of such magnitude as is being contemplated by your administration. We are deeply concerned by Secretary of State Warren Christopher's testimony that your administration would not be "bound" by legislation barring the use of funds to deploy forces to Bosnia.

The administration has not yet made the case that the deployment of more than 20,000 American ground forces is in the U.S. national interest, let alone that such an operation is the best option available. It is our intention to debate this vital issue prior to the deployment of U.S. ground troops to Bosnia. We would prefer to do so in response to an administration request for authorization. Therefore, we hope that you will cooperate with us on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

[Signed] Bob Dole, Don Nickles, Richard Shelby, Craig Thomas, Bill Cohen, Larry Craig, Jim Jeffords, Hank Brown, John Warner, Chuck Grassley, Bill Frist, Dirk Kempthorne, Robert Bennett, Jesse Helms, Strom Thurmond, Bob Smith, Frank Murkowski, Connie Mack, Alfonse D'Amato, Lauch Faircloth, Al Simpson, Olympia Snowe, Judd Gregg, James Inhofe, Larry Pressler, Mike DeWine, Paul Coverdell, Rick Santorum, Dan Coats, Jon Kyl, Nancy Kassebaum, Trent Lott, Fred Thompson, Slade Gorton, Pete Domenici, Conrad Burns, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Mark Hatfield, Spence Abraham, Rod Grams, John Ashcroft, Orrin Hatch, Ted Stevens, Kit Bond, John Chafee, Phil Gramm, Arlen Specter, Herb Kohl, Thad Cochran, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Mitch McConnell

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