



UNITED STATES SENATE
OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 29, 1990

BOB DOLE
KANSAS

Dear Peter:

I enjoyed meeting your fine group of interns this morning. I hope they found their visit to the Capitol interesting and useful.

Please pass on to them my thanks for the momento they presented to me -- the tiles are lovely.

Rest assured that I will continue to be involved in all of the issues of special interest to the Armenian-American community.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE

Mr. Peter J. Abajian
Director
The Armenian Assembly Summer Intern
Program
122 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Open date - Summer '90
(any day in July)
8:30-6:00

THE ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

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Minority Leader Robert Dole
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

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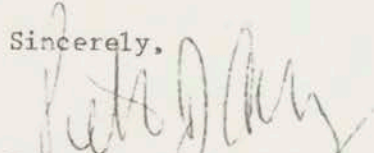
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TO: SENATOR DOLE

FR: WALT/CLARKSON

RE: REMARKS TO ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY SUMMER INTERNS
FRIDAY, 9:00 AM -- EF-100

THE ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY EXPECTS A GROUP OF ABOUT 30 SUMMER INTERNS TO ATTEND YOUR SPEECH. THE GROUP IS LARGELY MADE UP OF COLLEGE JUNIORS AND SENIORS CURRENTLY WORKING AROUND WASHINGTON AS INTERNS. THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO SPEAK FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES OF Q&A, AND ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET SITUATION, WORLD AFFAIRS, AND YOUR INTEREST IN ARMENIAN ISSUES.

THE ASSEMBLY REFERRED AN INTERN CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE HART OFFICE, MARO TITUS, WHO IS A STUDENT AT SMITH COLLEGE. YOU SPOKE TO THE ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY INTERNS IN 1983.

SENATOR BOB DOLE
REMARKS TO
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- IT'S A PLEASURE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE ARMENIAN
ASSEMBLY'S 'CAPITOL IDEAS'
SERIES. YOUR ENROLLMENT IN

THIS PROGRAM DEMONSTRATES
A SPECIAL COMMITMENT TO
LEARNING ABOUT OUR
GOVERNMENT, ITS INSTITUTIONS
AND ITS ROLE IN SOCIETY.

● WE ALL HAVE INSPIRATIONAL
PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES. THE LAW
LIBRARIAN AT WASHBURN
UNIVERSITY, BETH BOWERS, WAS

VERY INFLUENTIAL IN GETTING
ME TO ENTER POLITICS.

- A GREAT ARMENIAN, DR.
HAMPAR KELIKIAN, PERHAPS HAD
THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON
MY LIFE.

- ARMENIA AND ISSUES
AFFECTING ARMENIA HAVE

ALWAYS HELD A SPECIAL PLACE
FOR ME.

VISIT TO ARMENIA

● MY VISIT TO EARTHQUAKE—
TORN SOVIET ARMENIA IN 1989
WAS ONE OF THE MOST
MOVING EXPERIENCES OF MY
LIFE. FOLLOWING MY VISIT, I

WAS ABLE TO GET THE SENATE
TO APPROVE \$5 MILLION IN
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUNDS FOR
ARMENIA.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE RESOLUTION

- UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS NOT
AS SUCCESSFUL WITH A

RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE. IT WAS
A SIMPLE RESOLUTION, CALLING
ON CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE
THE GENOCIDE, THE SYSTEMATIC
DESTRUCTION, OF 1.5 MILLION
ARMENIANS AT THE HANDS OF
THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE BETWEEN
1915 AND 1923.

● IT WAS TRULY A 'DAVID
AGAINST GOLIATH' STRUGGLE.
YOU SEE, MY RESOLUTION
DIDN'T SIT WELL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, AND
THEY PULLED OUT ALL THEIR BIG
MONEY LOBBYISTS IN A
POLITICAL POWER PLAY TO
MOBILIZE SENATORS AGAINST

THIS HARMLESS RESOLUTION.

● STILL, WE DID GET THE FACTS
INTO THE OFFICIAL RECORD. IN
MY VIEW, THE EVIDENCE IS
OVERWHELMING AND
CONVINCING.

CHALLENGE OF DEFICIT REDUCTION

● THESE ARE CHALLENGING
TIMES HERE IN CONGRESS —
AND OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE
RIGHT NOW IS COPING WITH
OUR MASSIVE FEDERAL DEFICIT.
I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WE IN
CONGRESS OWE IT TO YOUR
GENERATION TO GET THOSE
DEFICITS DOWN, SO YOU CAN

ENJOY AS BRIGHT A FUTURE AS
WE HAVE HAD.

● AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD,
THE CONGRESS AND THE
ADMINISTRATION ARE IN THE
MIDDLE OF HEAVY DUTY
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BUDGET
AND DEFICIT REDUCTION.

- YOU MAY ALSO HAVE HEARD
IN THE PRESS THAT PRESIDENT
BUSH HAS AGREED TO RAISE
TAXES TO HELP CUT THE DEFICIT.
AND HE MAY INDEED AGREE TO
INCREASED TAX REVENUES —
WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.

- BUT YOU MAY NOT HAVE

HEARD THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS
ALSO GOTTEN THE
NEGOTIATORS TO AGREE TO
PURSUE SOME VERY IMPORTANT
BUDGET REFORMS, INCLUDING
DEFENSE SPENDING CUTS AND
ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM REFORMS
THAT COULD SAVE THIS NATION
BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF
DOLLARS OVER THE COMING

YEARS. THIS HAS ALL BEEN
OVERLOOKED IN THE MEDIA
FRENZY SWIRLING AROUND THE
TAX ISSUE.

● WHEN ALL THE DUST CLEARS,
WE'RE GOING TO NEED AT
LEAST \$50 BILLION DOLLARS IN
DEFICIT REDUCTION TO MEET
OUR GRAMM—RUDMAN

TARGET —— AND THAT'S AFTER
TAKING THE SAVINGS AND
LOAN BAILOUT OFF BUDGET.

- IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.
WE HAVE TO MAKE TOUGH
CHOICES ON THE SOCIAL
SECURITY TRUST FUND,
CONTROLLING THE COST OF
HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY,

HELPING NEW DEMOCRACIES IN
EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA,
NEW TAXES AND THE S&L
NIGHTMARE.

● THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS —
— IF WE DON'T DO OUR JOB,
YOU WILL BE THE ONES WHO
SUFFER. I DON'T WANT TO SEE
THAT HAPPEN.

EXCITING CHANGES ABROAD

- WE ALSO HAVE GREAT CHALLENGES ABROAD. WE'VE SEEN STARTLING, BREATHTAKING, FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD.
- IN THE SOVIET UNION, WE'VE SEEN GORBACHEV TAKE A GAMBLE — A GAMBLE THAT A

LITTLE FREEDOM COULD
SOMEHOW REVITALIZE A SPENT
SYSTEM. THE GAMBLE DIDN'T
WORK.

GORBACHEV'S CHALLENGES

- IT'S EASY TO OVERLOOK THE
FACT THAT GORBACHEV IS
MUCH MORE POPULAR IN
AMERICA THAN HE IS IN HIS
OWN COUNTRY. HE HAS SOME

REALLY TOUGH DAYS AHEAD OF
HIM. HE FACES CHALLENGES
IMPLEMENTING HIS ALREADY
UNPOPULAR ECONOMIC
REFORMS, AN UNPRECEDENTED
POLITICAL CHALLENGE FROM
BORIS YELTSIN, AND THE
ONGOING FREEDOM MOVEMENT
IN THE BALTIC STATES.

● IN CONGRESS, WE'LL BE
LOOKING FOR GENUINE
PROGRESS TOWARDS GRANTING
FREEDOM IN THE BALTICS, AND
IN THE AREA OF EMIGRATION,
BEFORE WE APPROVE THE TRADE
AGREEMENT THAT HE SO BADLY
WANTS AND NEEDS.

CONCLUSION

● GOVERNMENT CAN BE
EXCITING, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE
FRUSTRATING. BUT ONE THING
IS FOR SURE —— EVERYONE
HERE CAN MAKE A REAL
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE
AROUND THE WORLD.

● IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO
ANSWER THEM NOW.

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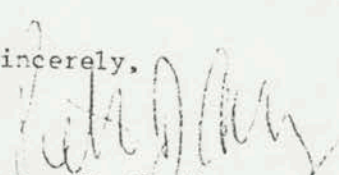
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