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Richard J. Kerr Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Address The President of the United States

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Remarks

Robert M. Gates Director of Central Intelligence

"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John VIII-XXXII This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas BOB DOLE KANSAS

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

November 8, 1991

SENATOR,

I HAVE INCLUDED A COPY OF THE INVITATION, AND A CONDENSED VERSION OF THE SPEECH IN READING AND SPEAKING FORMAT (THE SPEECH IS 4 MINUTES).

I WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE VVI BANQUET ON THE 10TH.

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June 11, 1991

The Honorable Robert J. Dole U.S. Senate 141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Attn: Bill Wisecarver

honoring Wilson Rufus Wilson

Dear Senator Dole:

Please consider appearing as a keynote speaker for the Second Annual Veterans Day Eve Banquet and Ball on November 10, 1991, at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. Last year's event was very successful as an initial effort and your involvement this year will help give a solid footing to an event that we want to become an American tradition on behalf of all of those Americans who have served their nation proudly.

The event is a black-tie-preferred, suit-and-tieacceptable gala that is simply a celebration of patriotism. Please give me an indication of your interest in participating, if possible, by June 30, 1991.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support.

Cordially,

don Yates Chairman of the Board

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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE ON VETERANS, NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE FUTURE

GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS A REAL PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK YOU- <u>JERRY</u>- AND THE VVI BANQUET COMMITTEE FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SO MANY OLD FRIENDS.

TONIGHT WE ARE HERE TO HONOR A MAN WHO SINCE WORLD WAR II, HAS EPITOMIZED THE MEANING OF THE WORD SERVICE. RUFUS H. WILSON HAS BEEN OUT FRONT IN VETERANS AFFAIRS SINCE 1954. AS A MARINE IN WORLD WAR II, HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE INVASION OF SAIPAN. MANY WOULD HAVE SAID THAT WAS ENOUGH TO ASK OF ANY MAN BY HIS COUNTRY, BUT RUFUS NEVER STOPPED. RUFUS HAS BEEN THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VA, NATIONAL COMMANDER OF AMVETS, AND THE MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS. IN MY MIND, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN SAY TO FULLY HONOR THE DEDICATION, DUTY AND CONCERN THAT RUFUS WILSON HAS GIVEN OUR NATIONS VETERANS FOR OVER FORTY YEARS.

--RUFUS-- WE CAN ONLY SAY THANK YOU -- WITH YOUR HELP AND THE HELP OF THOSE LIKE YOU, I KNOW THAT THE CONCERNS OF OUR NATION'S VETERANS WILL ALWAYS HAVE A STRONG VOICE.

AND THAT'S IMPORTANT, BECAUSE VETERANS ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT HAVE STOOD READY TO DEFEND AND SACRIFICE WHEN OUR NATION CALLED. OUR NEWEST VETERANS FROM THE GULF ARE A PERFECT EXAMPLE. ALTHOUGH MANY SAID THAT IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN, AMERICANS WERE AGAIN CALLED TO ARMS. IT IS FORTUNATE THAT MANY OF US BELIEVED THAT THE CALLS FOR A PEACE DIVIDEND WERE PREMATURE. THOSE OF US THAT HAVE SEEN WAR, KNEW THAT THE REAL PEACE-DIVIDEND WAS THAT WE HAD MAINTAINED THE PEACE THROUGH THE COLD WAR. BUT FOR MANY OF YOU HERE TONIGHT, THAT "COLD WAR" WASN'T VERY COLD. EACH OF YOU- THE VETERANS OF KOREA, VIETNAM, GRENADA, BEIRUT AND PANAMA, SAW WAR AS REAL AS ANY. EACH OF YOU WERE A PART OF AMERICA'S VICTORY; EACH OF YOU HAD A HAND IN ROLLING UP THE IRON CURTAIN, JUST AS EACH OF YOU HERE HAD A PART OF THE VICTORY OVER SADDAM.

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IN MY VIEW WE MUST HELP THE SOVIETS THROUGH THIS WINTER AS THEY DEAL WITH THE MONUMENTAL TASK OF CLEARING AWAY THE CRUMBLING FACADE OF SOCIALISM TO BUILD A WORKABLE DEMOCRACY. NOTHING COULD HINDER THAT PROCESS MORE THAN THE LACK OF FOOD AND MEDICINE THAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE WILL NEED TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE COMING MONTHS. IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO-- AND IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST TO DO IT.

BUT IN THE LONG TERM THE RUSSIANS NEED TECHNOLOGY, EXPERTISE, AND A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM AMERICANS THAT WE ARE READY TO BE PARTNERS IN THEIR TRANSITION TO A MARKET ECONOMY-- WHAT THEY DON'T NEED-- WHAT THEY WILL NEVER ACCEPT-- IS TO BE INTERNATIONAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS. AND WE MUST NOT SUBSIDIZE OR HELP MAINTAIN A BANKRUPT SYSTEM.

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WHAT ABOUT THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES THAT WILL BE FORCED OUT IN THE DEFENSE MANPOWER REDUCTIONS? WHAT ABOUT THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOYAL HARDWORKING AMERICAN DEFENSE WORKERS THAT HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS OVER THE LAST YEAR- WHO WILL RETRAIN THESE AMERICANS?

I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST FOCUS ON THE TASK OF REBUILDING OUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY AND NOT HAND OUT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO SUBSIDIZE THE SOVIET MILITARY.

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