

*Bob Dole*



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## **NORTH KOREA**

### **DOLE QUESTIONS NEW NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR PACT**

**HUNTSVILLE, AL --** Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today made the following statement:

"It's a long way from one year ago when President Clinton said the United States would not tolerate North Korea's possession of a single nuclear weapon. In that time, North Korea has kicked out IAEA inspectors, refused to resume negotiations with South Korea, and destroyed evidence of past nuclear activities. The U.S. response has been to offer to purchase oil for North Korea, to arrange financing for new nuclear reactors, and to take steps to normalize relations with North Korea. That sounds more like a one-way street than prudent diplomacy.

"The accord with North Korea shows it is always possible to get an agreement when you give enough away. In exchange for promises about North Korea's nuclear program, the U.S. gift wraps new nuclear reactors and opens up shop in Pyongyang. Let's hope long term strategic considerations have not taken a back seat to the drive to make a short term deal.

"When Congress returns, we should take a close look at this agreement, examining issues including the long term implications and the cost to taxpayers."

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