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GOOD NEWS FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN ON SOCIAL SECURITY

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over Social Security, said today that last night's Presidential debate should put an end to Democratic "scare tactics" about the Administration cutting Social Security benefits. "The President deserves praise for taking Social Security out of politics. I challenge Walter Mondale to do the same," Dole said.

"The President said 'never' and you can't get any more definite than that. Actually, he has said all along that Social Security basic benefit cuts were off limits for the 36 million Social Security recipients. Unfortunately, Democrats have delighted in frightening our senior citizens with wild claims about the Administration and Social Security checks. Last night the President blew the whistle on Mr. Mondale's latest Social Security scare tactic."

Senator Dole served on the President's National Commission on Social Security which wrote the blueprint for saving the collapsing retirement system. "Mr. Mondale would be better off to tell the truth about Social Security. The fact is, this Administration saved the system in April 1983 with a bipartisan effort between responsible Republicans and Democrats. The President's statement last night makes it clear that our elderly need not fear any reductions in their basic benefits," Dole said.