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## Quick Quotes

### Former GOP Presidential Candidate Weighs In Against Cruz

"If he's the nominee, we're going to have wholesale losses in Congress and state offices, and in governors and legislatures."

*Defeated as the GOP's standard-bearer in 1996, GOP candidate and former Senator Robert Dole said that Donald Trump would be his choice over Ted Cruz.*

### Iranian Supreme Leader Wary of Americans

"The deceptions and breaches of promises by arrogant governments, in particular America, on this issue and other issues should not be neglected. The comments made by some American politicians in the last two, three days are cause for deep suspicion."

*After reaching agreement on the deal designed to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issued a statement urging his countrymen to be on guard against untrustworthy Americans and others.*

### Will Michael Bloomberg Throw His Hat Into the Ring? It Depends.

"Mike Bloomberg for President rests on the not-impossible but somewhat unlikely circumstance of either Donald Trump or Ted Cruz versus Bernie Sanders. If Hillary wins the nomination, she is mainstream enough that Mike would have no chance, and Mike's not going to go on a suicide mission."

*Friendly to Michael Bloomberg and to Hillary Clinton, former Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, a lifelong Democrat, indicated he would not support Bernie Sanders if the Vermont senator were to become the Democratic Party's nominee.*

### Report Says Putin Likely Had a Role in Litvinenko's Death

"Taking full account of all the evidence and analysis available to me, I find that the FSB (Russia's Federal Security Service) operation to kill Mr. Litvinenko was probably approved by Mr. Patrushev and also by President Putin."

*Retired judge Sir Robert Owen released copies of his 328-page report about the polonium-induced death of Russian defector Alexander Litvinenko in Britain nine years ago. The report pointed to Vladimir Putin and former FSB leader Nikolai Patrushev as likely perpetrators of the crime.*

### Military Action Against ISIL in Libya Being Considered

"It's fair to say that we're looking to take decisive military action against ISIL in conjunction with the political process. The president has made clear that we have the authority to use military force."

*Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford stated on January 22 that a decision to send forces into Libya would probably be made in "weeks."*



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## **Agreeing With Hillary Clinton but Definitely Not Supporting Her**

"I agree with Hillary Clinton 100 percent that our next president is likely to have a profound impact on the make-up of the Supreme Court, and that is reason enough for me not to vote for her."

*In his letter-to-the-editor published in the Boston Globe, Stephen Tarbell of Walpole, Massachusetts, expressed his fear about a Hillary Clinton presidency.*

## **Debts of Puerto Rico's Power Plants Likely Leading to Default**

"They likely had no incentives whatsoever to be efficient. This is incredible. Our power plants look like the cars in Cuba."

*Pointing specifically to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Senate President Eduardo Bhatia noted its \$9 billion debt, and the island's total indebtedness of \$72 billion. n*

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