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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 27 -- U.S. Senator-elect Bob Dole today urged Secretary of Transportation Alan Boyd to give "priority consideration to Kansas on the state's proposal to include an access highway to the new Mid-Continent International airport in Kansas City as part of the interstate system."

Pointing out he understands the Department will decide soon on the allocation of additional miles to the interstate system, Dole said, "A favorable decision on the interstate route from Kansas to the airport will assure an orderly expansion of one of the nation's fastest growing urban areas."

In a letter to Boyd, Dole added, "Scheduled for air carrier service in 1970, the airport has sufficient space with clear approaches and can accomodate aviation growth for the Kansas City area for the forseable future."

"One of the most pressing airport environmental problems --noise -- will be alleviated for most of the area's residents because of the airport's remote location."

"But the acceptance of the airport," he said, "is dependent upon its accessibility for those who use it."

Pointing out Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties contain nearly 30 percent of the total Kansas City metropolitan population, Dole said, "Because of the affluency of many who reside in that area, the number of airport users probably represents an even higher percentage of the total passenger enplanements."

"Any integrated transporation system planned for Kansas City must include a provision for airport access for Kansas residents," he said.