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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 29 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) and U.S. Congressman Chester Mize (R-Kans.) today said the Senate Public Works Committee has approved the prospectus for proposed alteration of four federally-owned buildings at the former Air Force Station about five miles south of Topeka.

Dole, a member of the Public Works Committee, said the project includes major replacements and improvements to three warehouse buildings and a pump house to upgrade the office and warehouse facilities of the Post Office Department Supply Center

The project, estimated to cost a total of \$2,010,000, is expected to include upgrading of warehouse space, extension of the sanitary sewer system and gas main, replacement of the water supply line and construction of an employee parking lot, and truck and railroad shipping and receiving facilities.

\$132,000 has tentatively been programmed for fiscal year 1970.

The buildings were constructed in 1953 to provide storage of strategic defense items. The stockpiling, Dole said is being phased out, so that with alterations, the buildings will be available for post office supply activities.

"Renovation of the buildings will be a major step toward providing more adequate space for storage and housing post office supply employees and can be done at a more reasonable cost than constructing new facilities," Dole said.

Noting that the House Public Works Committee must approve the program, Congressman Mize said, "I hope the action in the House Public Works Committee can be just as prompt as the Senate action so that this work can be carried out as quickly as possible."