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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. March 3 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has received a favorable reply from the Office of the Vice President concerning Dole's request that a cabinet-level informal working group offer assistance to the City of Wichita in complying with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The working group has just been established by President Nixon to help school/districts comply with the Supreme Court's requirements for school integration and to preserve the continuity of public education for school children.

Vice President Agnew is chairman of the group.

The letter, received today, said in part:

"Your request is well received and as soon as the group is functional, you will be hearing in greater detail about what might be done for Wichita."

Dole said he is hopeful the group will be in operation as soon as possible and that speedy relief will be forthcoming.