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WASHINGTON, D.C., AUGUST 5, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced the selection of Salina Municipal Airport, formerly Shilling AFB, as the location for Strategic Air Command (SAC) alert forces.

A small, tenant SAC detachment of approximately 150-200 personnel will be permanently assigned to Salina under a "host-tenant" agreement to be negotiated with Municipal Airport.

The Air Force said the purpose of this program is to improve the survivability of the SAC bomber/tanker fleet.

The Kansas Senators said that Forbes AFB, previously announced as a satellite location on July 3, 1969, is now scheduled for some construction under the Satellite Basing Program.

In a joint statement, the Kansas Senators said, "The news of the construction work to be done at Forbes and the detachment of personnel to Salina Municipal Airport should offer great encouragement to Kansans concerned about the future of those facilities."