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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 15, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole will introduce legislation today to extend the benefits of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to the legal beneficiary of any member of the Armed Forces listed as missing in action who died after December 31, 1956 and prior to September 29, 1965.

Dole said that officials in Air Force Headquarters had reported to him that, "the families of members of the Armed Forces would not be entitled to Servicemen's Group Life Insurance benefits if the member had been carried as missing in action on or after September 29, 1965, and conclusive evidence is produced to fix a date of death prior to that date.

Dole's bill would provide for payment of \$15,000 to the legal beneficiary of any servicemen who died subsequent to December 31, 1956 and prior to September 29, 1965, while in a missing status.

It has been estimated that this legislation might affect the families of as many as 50 servicemen missing before the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance law went into effect September 29, 1965.