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SBA TO SEND SPECIAL REP TO TOPEKA ON BASE CLOSURE LOAN PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole said today that Mr. Dan Koehler of the Small Business Administration in Washington would be visiting Topeka on March 8th to counsel small businessmen whose concerns may have been adversely affected by the closing of Forbes.

"Many businesses in the Topeka area may have had a substantial trade with base personnel," Dole said. "With the closing of Forbes, some may need assistance through new loans, or extensions of current loans from the SBA to ease the transition period."

Koehler will be available to counsel the businessmen on the new base closure economic impact provisions of the Small Business Act. The provisions, passed last December, allow SBA to grant long term low interest loans, in some cases with deferred principle payment schedules, to businessmen who qualify.

Senator Dole said he "was grateful for the cooperation of the Small Business Administration which worked closely with the President's Committee on Economic Adjustment and the Topeka Chamber of Commerce to help arrange for Koehler's counseling visit."