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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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OPERATION VETREACH TO BEGIN IN WICHITA

WASHINGTON, D.C.,--Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Veterans Administration and the ACTION Office will begin 'Operation Vetreach' in Wichita on March 29th.

Veterans Administrator Donald Johnson has told Dole that the Vetreach Office will be opened at 1258 North Spruce Street, Wichita, Kansas 67214. It will serve as a focal point, to which veterans residing in the inner city can come for assistance in applying for benefits administered by the Veterans Administration. These benefits include education and training, career counseling, GI home loans, medical and hospitalization, VA sponsored drug programs, rehabilitation for those with serious service connected disabilities, compensation and pension.

"These benefits," said Dole, "are tangible expressions of gratitude from the American people to those who have given so much in the honorable service of their country."

"This office will be staffed by professional VA Counselors well trained in assisting veterans make a suitable readjustment to civilian life," he explained.

"The ACTION Office, through its Vista component will supply twenty to thirty Vista volunteers to go out into the community to find the veteran," the Senator said.

Dole also pointed out that, in addition to the VA and ACTION, other Federal and local agencies together with the veterans service organizations, will be assisting in the project.