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POSTAL SERVICE DROPS CONSIDERATION OF FORBES BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole said today he has learned that the U.S. Postal Service has abandoned efforts to acquire building #170 at Forbes for use as a regional distribution cneter.

Topeka officials had expressed concern to Dole about the possible take-over of the building by the Postal Service. #170 is considered to be among the properties on the base with the best potential for industrial use and therefore could play a most significant role in generating revenue to support the city's operation of a commercial airport at Forbes.

Dole learned of the decision by the Postal SErvie lat Thursday, as his staff was pusuing the matter in response to stated concerns of city officials. "We have worked closely with the staff of the President's Committee on Economic Adjustment on this matter." Dole said, "and the practical result of the Postal Service decision means that the city may expect to have the use of the building since all indications are that no further major effort by any Federal agency will be made to assume control of the building."

Dole said he was pleased to make the announcement which he said "should remove a large element of uncertainty from the city's plans regarding Forbes."