

"If Congress would ever authorize a new, long-term adult penal institution, we would have as close to a guarantee as any government agency can give that it would be constructed at Leavenworth. The reason for this is that it is ideally suited and well accepted by the community, in contrast to most locations where a prison facility would not be welcomed at all."

Dole further pointed out that any new replacement structure, while being designed to accommodate only about a third as many inmates as the present, obsolete unit built in 1895, would still be of great benefit to the city. "This is because the trend in prison reform has been to raise the staff ratios, so there would be little difference in the number of employees required to run an institution incarcerating only 550 persons."

"It would be complemented even more by the new jobs created by such prison programs as work release, college education, and vocational training -- all of which would be implemented by utilizing nearby university and training center facilities."

"If and when the present U. S. Penitentiary is replaced by a more modern institution," Dole predicted, "it will undoubtedly enhance, rather than impede the economy of Leavenworth."

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