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DOLE STATEMENT FOLLOWING H.E.W. MEETING ON TITLE I FUNDS FOR WICHITA

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- "Representatives of H.E.W. today assured Congressman Shriver and myself that the Wichita school system is in no immediate danger of losing Title I funds, which amounted to \$1.7 million during the past school year..

"Deputy Commissioner for Education, Dr. Robert Wheeler, pledged maximum cooperation and assistance in helping the school district make what H.E.W. regards as 'minor changes' necessary in the delivery of services to economically disadvantaged children.

"Dr. Wheeler also assured us that Title I funds would be available to the Wichita schools on schedule -- July 1. However, they have also been put on notice that they will need to come into conformity with established program guidelines in order to be assured of continued funding in the future.

"Even with the contemplated changes, there would be no reduction in the number of children served -- there may, however, be different children designated, based on their attendance area. The displaced children could receive similar services under the Emergency School Assistance Act.

"H.E.W. anticipated no changes would be neceeary in Wichita's busing policy."