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## REPORT ON GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY DOLE SHOWS \$143.6 MILLION SAVED

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- A soon-to-be-released report from the Office of Management and Budget positively identifies \$143.6 million in savings during a 7-month period, as a direct result of federal travel guidelines recommended by Senator Dole.

The OMB report covers the fiscal year 1976, from June 30, 1975 to July 1, 1976. The guidelines were issued on December 4, 1975 and were suggested by Dole after the Consumer Product Safety Commission sent four high-level bureaucrats -- two from Washington, D.C. and two from the Kansas City Regional Office -- to inspect a small, two-employee factory in Hutchinson.

Indirect savings due to the guidelines were even greater, according to the OMB report. Actual fiscal year 1976 expenditures were \$590.3 million less than had been projected and were \$284.8 million less than during FY 75, despite higher mileage rates and per diem allowances.

The guidelines recommended by Dole:

- 1) Prohibit travel when a letter or phone call would suffice,
- 2) Prohibit travel from Washington, D.C. when the matter could be handled by a regional office,
- 3) Require a written explanation attesting to the necessity of the proposed trip,
- 4) Impose stiff penalties for unauthorized travel.