

## News from Senator

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WASHINGTON -- Kansas City's Federal regional offices aren't going anywhere.

That's the word today from Kansas Senator Bob Dole who quashed rumors that a wholesale removal of the area's federal offices was in the works.

"There is absolutely no way the Administration is going to close any Kansas City regional offices," Dole said. "I have spoken directly with top officials in the White House, the General Services Administration and The Office of Management and Budget, and I can tell you that rumors about the demise of the regional structure have once again been shown to be utterly without basis. It hasn't been proposed and it isn't going to happen".

On December 16, 1983, Senator Dole issued a similar statement following rumors that the Administration was planning to close down or relocate Kansas City's Federal facilities. At the time, Dole said: "There is no truth to the allegation that consolidation, transfer or elimination of Federal offices is in the works".

"This issue was put to rest two months ago, but the rumors keep popping up like weeds," Dole said. "This so-called story has gone on long enough."

Late Friday and this morning, Senator Dole and members of his staff talked to GSA Administrator Gerry Carmen; the Executive Secretary of the White House Cabinet Council, Dr. Ralph Bledsoe; OMB Deputy Director, Joe Wright; and top White House officials.

A study of federal offices is being compiled by the White House Cabinet Council. The report was requested by President Reagan.

"President Reagan should be applauded for initiating a study of federal offices aimed at streamlining the bureaucracy. It wouldn't surprise me that there is room for improvement, and individual agencies may take responsible action to make their operations more efficient, but the notion that Kansas City's regional offices will be closed is ludicrous", Dole said. "Taxpayers demand efficiency and we should all support the Administration's continuing effort to make the federal government more cost effective".