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CUSTOMS SERVICE ACCEPTS DOLE RECOMMENDATION FOR JOHNSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AIRPORT

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that at his request, the U.S. Customs Service will be made available to international aircraft landing at Johnson County Industrial Airport on a trial basis for the next six months.

"I am pleased that the U.S. Customs Service has accepted my recommendation to extend the Port of Kansas City limits to include the Johnson County facility," said Senator Dole. "Availability of this service is a crucial factor to the growth of the airport. I hope that the workload during the experimental period will justify continued service."

In a letter to Senator Dole, Associate Commissioner of the Customs Service Richard W. Miller said that in a comparison of international aircraft activity for the Port of Kansas City during the last few years, 95% of more than 120 arrivals annually were private or corporate aircraft, and that most private aircraft in the area are hangared in the Johnson County Airport.

While this experiment is not a quarantee that service will always be available on demand, the airport Executive Director Joe Dennis and Director of Aviation, Mike Fredericks, will coordinate requests with the Kansas City port director.

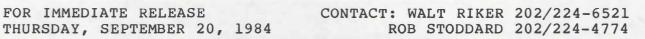
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FROM: DAVE CORDOVA Jave

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RE: BEECH AIRCRAFT CONTRACT AWARD

We met with Alan Walker of Beech Aircraft today regarding their selection by the Navy to build 4,000 drone missiles. The contract to build the 4,000 drones, 200 annually for \$50 million per year, could be worth \$1 billion over the next twenty years.

Beech won the contract after Northrop was eliminated due to shortcomings in its original technical proposal for the target missiles.

Beech has not yet determined whether all the work for the contract will be centered in Wichita where it employs some 4,000 individuals or in their Boulder, Colorado facility. They will be making that determination soon.

Similarly, we asked Alan to keep us informed on what Beech is doing in the defense area and sales in the international market. We informed him that we would be happy to assist Beech in any way we can regarding defense and international contracts.

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