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DOLE ANNOUNCES F-16'S ON THEIR WAY TO McCONNELL;  
NEW JOBS, CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COMING TOO

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT 36 F-16 FIGHTER JETS WILL BE HEADING TO McCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE THIS YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1.

THE SHIPMENT OF AMERICA'S TOP-OF-THE-LINE FIGHTER TO THE KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD WILL GIVE THE WICHITA BASE A TOLAL OF 54 F-16'S. THE NEW GROUP WILL INCLUDE TWO-SEATERS FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO DOLE, \$4.5 MILLION WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO GIVE McCONNELL ADEQUATE SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR THE NEW PLANES. IN ADDITION, DOLE SAID THE FIGHTERS WILL BRING 40 NEW, PERMANENT JOBS TO THE AIR BASE.

"THIS GOOD NEWS UNDERSCORES AN IMPORTANT POINT FOR ALL KANSANS: THAT THEIR AIR NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE PART OF THIS NATION'S TOTAL DEFENSE FORCE," DOLE SAID. "THE B-1 BOMBER WING WE FOUGHT SO HARD FOR IS A SYMBOL THAT WE ARE ALREADY AN ACTIVE PLAYER ON THE DEFENSE FRONT. NOW, WITH THE F-16 ON THE WING, WE GO UP ANOTHER NOTCH."

DURING A 3-6 MONTH PERIOD, THE F-16'S WILL BE EXCHANGED ONE-FOR-ONE WITH THE F-4D'S CURRENTLY AT McCONNELL.