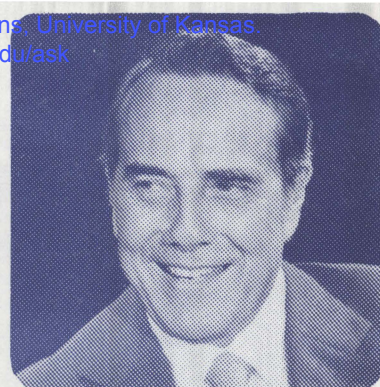


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DOLE HAILS THE ARRIVAL OF B1-B'S AT MCCONNELL

Washington, D.C. -- Citing its importance to our nation's defense, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today hailed the arrival of the B1-B bomber at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita as "good for Kansas and good for the country."

"The arrival of the B1-B represents a tremendous addition to both America's defense and the economy of Wichita. This means new jobs and an expansion of the economic base for Kansas," said Dole.

"The deployment of the B1-B wing enhances our deterrence capability and demonstrates to the Soviets that we are committed to modernizing our strategic forces. The B1-B is a critical link in preserving our national security."

Dole also noted that a majority of the contractors and subcontractors involved in the deployment are from Kansas and that the B1-B would further enhance McConnell's status as an economic mainstay of the region.