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## DOLE SENDS MCCONNELL GIFT TO SOVIET UNION; AIR FORCE COMMEMORATIVE "SHAWDOW BOX" ON ITS WAY TO MOSCOW AND CHAIRMAN PRIMAKOV

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) sent the following letter to Chairman Yevgeniy Primakov, Chairman, Council of the Union, USSR Supreme Soviet. The letter is accompanying a Commemorative Shawdow Box from the 384th Bombardment Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita. The box will be presented to Chairman Primakov as a reminder of his visit to McConnell and throughout Kansas in October, 1989.

## United States Senate

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

It was a honor to welcome you and your delegation of officials from the Soviet Union to my home state of Kansas last October 29. Having an opportunity to share with you the rich heritage of the heartland of America was truly a great pleasure for me and the people of Kansas.

Of particular note was the visit of your delegation to McConnell Air Force Base. Never before had Soviet officials visited McConnell and had a close-up view of the B-1B.

As a permanent reminder of your visit to McConnell, the men and women of the 384th Bombardment Wing wish to present to you this Commemorative Shadow Box. Similar to the type of box given to departing military pilots, it displays the scarves and patches which serve as unique memories of McConnell Air Force Base.

The silver-and-blue scarf and circular Indian patch is worn by all B-1B<sup>\*</sup> bomber crew-members assigned to the 28th Bombardment Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.

The maroon-and-silver scarf and the rectangular patch are worn by all KC-135 tanker aircraft members assigned to the 384th Air Refueling Squadron at McConnell.

Together these squadrons comprise the flying units assigned to the Bombardment Wing, as noted with the combined B-1B/KC-135R scarf of alternating maroon and blue aircraft.

The 384th Bombardment Wing patch is illustrated with lightening bolts and stars.

It was great having you and your daughter in Kansas Mr. Chairman. Please come back to visit us again.

Serely, BOB DOCL