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DOLE GETS GOOD NEWS FOR KANSAS FROM SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

McCONNELL NOT ON LATEST BASE CLOSING LIST

PARSONS AMMO PLANT TO GET \$70 MILLION FOR "CEM" LINE AND FOLLOW-ON WEAPON PROJECT FOR 1992

WICHITA'S KC-135 RE-ENGINEING PROGRAM GETS THUMBS UP, PROMISE FOR HIGHER PRODUCTION RATES

WASHINGTON -- KANSANS WHO DEPEND ON DEFENSE PROGRAMS FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD GOT SOME GOOD NEWS ON FRIDAY, AFTER SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) CALLED THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE TO HIS CAPITOL HILL OFFICE TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF DEFENSE PROJECTS IN KANSAS.

AIR FORCE SECRETARY DONALD B. RICE DELIVERED THE GOOD NEWS ON AT LEAST THREE FRONTS THAT WILL AFFECT THOUSANDS OF WORKERS IN THE GREATER WICHITA AND PARSONS AREAS.

McCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE: THIS COMING WEEK, DEFENSE SECRETARY DICK CHENEY IS EXPECTED TO UNVEIL ANOTHER LIST OF POSSIBLY 50 OR MORE MILITARY BASES SLATED FOR CLOSURE. SENATOR DOLE SECURED ASSURANCES FROM THE AIR FORCE THAT McCONNELL IS NOT ON THAT LIST.

"THE AIR FORCE HAS MADE A HUGE INVESTMENT IN McCONNELL AND SECRETARY RICE MADE IT CLEAR TO ME THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO JUST PULL THE PLUG ON IT," DOLE SAID. "IT IS A HIGH-TECH, FRONTLINE FACILITY THAT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO AMERICA'S DEFENSE AS IT IS TO WICHITA'S ECONOMY -- THAT'S WHY IT WON'T BE ON THE CHENEY LIST NEXT WEEK."

PARSONS AMMO PLANT: THE SECRETARY SAID THE AIR FORCE AGREES WITH SENATOR DOLE AND WILL RELEASE THE \$70 MILLION IN DEFENSE FUNDING ADDED ON BY THE SENATOR IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO EXTEND PRODUCTION OF THE COMBINED EFFECTS MUNITIONS LINE. THE SO-CALLED "CLUSTER BOMB" PROJECT.



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