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## DEFENSE SECRETARY ACCEPTS DOLE-KASSEBAUM INVITATION TO TOUR FORT RILEY

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that Secretary of Defense William Perry has accepted an invitation from him and Senator Nancy Kassebaum to tour Fort Riley. Secretary Perry will visit the home of the 1st Infantry Division on July 7th.

"I am delighted the Secretary has accepted our invitation to see for himself the important role Fort Riley plays in our national security posture. With defense spending headed to alltime lows, it is vital to preserve our defense infrastructure -especially in these uncertain and dangerous times," said Dole, who will join Secretary Perry in Kansas for the July 7th event.

"I look forward to showing Secretary Perry the home of the Big Red One, and introducing him to many of our fine Kansas-based men and women in uniform. I know he will be impressed by one of the finest installations in the U.S. Army," said Dole.

Senator Dole personally extended the invitation to Secretary Perry at a White House meeting attended by both on Tuesday.

"People say that Fort Riley is the best kept secret in the Army. I think its time to get the word out and Secretary Perry is the best place to start," Dole added.

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