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DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS TO STAY AT FORT LEAVENWORTH

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) will stay at Fort Leavenworth. After conducting an economic analysis of Fort Leavenworth and Loring Air Force Base in Maine, the Army concluded that "the lack of compelling economic justification for relocating the USDB... strongly supports Fort Leavenworth as the preferred location for the USDB."

"I am extremely happy with the results of the Army's analysis," Dole said. "The review demonstrates what we knew all along -- that Kansas is the best value for the Department of Defense's disciplinary barracks. The report notes Leavenworth's long history with the barracks, and emphasizes its superior community and state support. The bottom line is this -- the numbers prove it doesn't make sense to move the barracks."

When the move was first proposed, the Kansas delegation rallied behind the Leavenworth community. In a joint letter to Secretary of Defense Perry, Senator Dole, Senator Kassebaum and Congressman Sam Brownback emphasized the logistical and economic advantages of keeping the barracks at Fort Leavenworth.

"From the start of this review, I have believed that the Leavenworth site makes much more sense than any alternative," Senator Kassebaum said. "It is not surprising that Leavenworth withstood the challenge from a very competitive site in Maine. The Army's decision ensures that Leavenworth will remain home to the USDB, and I believe we now should get on with the task of financing so we can proceed with reconstruction in Leavenworth."

"I'm extremely pleased that the Army has recognized the importance of keeping the barracks in Leavenworth," said Congressman Sam Brownback. "The people of Leavenworth have done a tremendous job making the barracks a first-rate facility and will continue to do so in the future. I commend the Army for undertaking a thorough analysis of the feasibility of keeping the barracks in Kansas or moving them to Maine, and I am glad that the analysis reinforces our previous assertions about why they should stay in Kansas."

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