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SENATOR DOLE SAYS NEW TRADE AGREEMENTS SHOULD HELP U.S. AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND -- After meeting with U.S. trade negotiators in Geneva, Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) stated that new international trade agreements negotiated in Geneva should provide the U.S. civil aircraft industry with increased export opportunities. A specific agreement on civil aircraft would require elimination of duties on civil aircraft and parts, would reduce technical barriers to our exports, and increase our ability to sell U.S. aircraft to foreign airlines.

The aircraft industry in Kansas, which already is the major industrial exporter in the state, stands to benefit from this agreement. This industry provides more than 5,000 jobs to Kansas citizens, chiefly in the Wichita area.

The trade agreements package negotiated in Geneva must still be approved by Congress. The agreements would affect virtually the entire range of agricultural and industrial products exported or imported by the United States. Senator Dole noted that Congress will have to consider not only the beneficial aspects of the agreements - such as the opening of aircraft markets - but also those areas where the United States has given benefits to other countries.