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REAGAN BUDGET REQUESTS LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY MODERNIZATION FUNDS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today announced that the Reagan Administration has requested \$1.5 million in its fiscal 1982 budget to begin modernization of the facilities at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth. Dole is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees the authorization of such programs as the federal prison system.

"I believe it is important that Leavenworth, the site of America's first federal prison, continues to stand as a viable institution for the detention of federal prisoners in this country," Dole said.

The Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, located 25 miles north of Kansas City, houses about 1,400 inmates, and is directed by a staff of about 475. More than 800 of the inmates are trained or work in Federal Prison Industries factories (UNICOR), including a computer program center, and brush, furniture and shoe factories. Inmates also participate in several educational and athletic programs. The penitentiary includes a 72-bed hospital and a multi-denominational church.

"Leavenworth Penitentiary is a vital part of eastern Kansas," Dole said. "It still stands as an important part of our national corrections system and with needed modernization we can make it an even finer facility. I am pleased if my efforts as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee help to make those improvements."