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DOLE ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF POLISH EXILE'S FAMILY IN WICHITA

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today announced that the family of Wichita State University professor, Zbigniew Wojcik, a Polish exile, will arrive tonight at Wichita's Midcontinent Airport. Wojcik has been separated from his wife Barbara and his two children, Marcin, 12, and Pauline, 7, for 20 months.

"Knowing that the Wojcik family will be rejoined tonight is very gratifying," said Dole. "I'm pleased that our efforts could contribute to bringing about this reunification."

Wojcik assumed an 18-month appointment as Associate Professor of Computer Science at Wichita State University in February, 1986. Since that time, he has worked closely with the Saint Paul's Newman Center and Senator Dole to obtain permission from the Polish Government for his family's emmigration.

In September, Senator Dole contacted the Commission on Security and Cooperation, also known as the Helsinki Commission, regarding the Wojcik family's request. After the processing of Dr. Wojcik's U.S. visa was completed, his wife and children were placed on a list of divided families at the U.S. State Department.

The State Department regularly presents the list to Polish authorities and urges them to issue passports to family members in accordance with the family reunification provisions of the Helsinki Final Act, of which Poland is a signatory.