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SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER



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RTC: MARTINELLI TRANSFERRED

MARTINELLI TRANSFER SHOULDN'T DETER FULL ACCOUNTING OF

TAXPAYER DOLLARS IN KANSAS CITY RTC OFFICE;

"VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION" NEEDED -- NEW DIRECTOR IS J. PAUL RAMEY

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) HAS BEEN INFORMED TODAY THAT RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION REGIONAL DIRECTOR MIKE MARTINELLI HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON AFTER REPORTS OF HIS EXTRAVAGANT USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO BUY ORIGINAL ARTWORK TO DECORATE HIS OFFICE.

"I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS OF THE TRANSFER, BUT I DO KNOW THIS WILL NOT BE THE FINAL CHAPTER IN THE MARTINELLI CASE," DOLE SAID. "THE TAXPAYERS DESERVE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF HOW THEIR MONEY WAS SPENT AND MISSPENT IN THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE. THAT'S WHY TODAY I AM CALLING FOR A VIGOROUS INTERNAL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY MORE EXAMPLES OF MISMANAGEMENT AND MALFEASANCE."

SENATOR DOLE IS IN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, LEAVENWORTH AND LENEXA TODAY.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR, J. PAUL RAMEY, WHO IS NOW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FIELD RESOLUTIONS FOR THE RTC," ADDED DOLE.

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