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DOLE HELPS KANSAS MILITARY BASES ESCAPE CLOSURE AXE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that Kansas military bases were spared the base closure axe. The Department of Defense today released its list of 146 military installations slated to be closed or realigned as part of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round, and no major military installations in Kansas were listed.

"I pressed the case to Defense Secretary Perry that military value should take priority over budget considerations," Senator Dole said. "I am pleased that he has responded to this recommendation and it's clear to me that these decisions are based on our national security."

"Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth, and McConnell Air Force Base all stand above the crowd. As we down-size our forces, Kansas' military installations are critical elements of our long-term security strategy. The case to preserve Ft. Riley and our other bases is solid."

"I commend the Governor's task force for its great work," Dole added. "State officials and local communities united to make their case. They made it clear yesterday to Senator Dixon, Chairman of the Base Closure Commission, that maintaining Ft. Riley is vital to our national security. No doubt about it, Senator Dixon came away impressed."

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