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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 21 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today praised President Nixon for designating Kansas City, Mo., as a four-state federal headquarters for the Departments of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, Office of Economic Opportunity and the Small Business Administration.

"The net result," he said, "will mean more efficient and effective service to those living in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska and ultimately, an increase of federal personnel in the Kansas City area."

"The new regional alignment will also provide needed economies and reduced federal expenditures," he added.

Dole said he has written to the President to express "appreciation and gratitude of those who supported maintaining Kansas City, Mo. as a regional headquarters."