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WASHINGTON, D.C. Oct. 15, 1969---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

said today that the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka is being considered as a possible site for a nursing home for veterans.

The proposed facility would be included under an authorization for 2000 new nursing home beds in the U.S.

Dole had earlier written the Administrator of the VA urging him to consider locating a nursing home in Kansas. His action followed reports that the VA plans a nursing home in Kansas, Oklahoma or Nebraska.

In a reply to Dole's letter, the administrator said that a study is now being made of overall needs to determine where the nursing units should be located.

"There has been no decision as to the number of beds needed in Kansas, Nebraska or Oklahoma or where they should be located," the administrator wrote. "However," he said, "the VA Hospital in Topeka is considered a possible site."

Dole said the proposed facility could be created without new construction by utilizing existing facilities or through a leasing arrangement. "Either one of these two methods would be entirely consistent with the President's efforts to combat inflation," Dole said.