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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 8, 1971 --- Two Wichita women will leave for Paris, March 5, taking with them letters and petitions demanding humane treatment of American men who are prisoners of war (POWs) or who are missing in action (MIAs) in Southeast Asia.

U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.), who has been active in focusing national attention on the plight of American POWs and MIAs, today commended the intent of the Paris mission and issued a public appeal for funds to finance the March 5 trip.

The Wichitans, Mrs. Ann Howes and Miss Maureen Smith, will represent members of the Forgotten Americans Committee of Kansas, a non-profit organization dedicated to securing the humane treatment and release of American POWs and MIAs. They plan to meet with peace talk delegates from North Vietnam, South Vietnam, the Viet Cong, Pathet Lao and the United States.

The Kansas senator said: "To succeed in its mission, the Forgotten American Committee of Kansas needs encouragement and support. I urge all Kansans to contribute generously to this worthwhile cause."

Dole added that 56 men from Kansas are among the 1,500 soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen missing or being held captive in North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Laos. He continued, "Like similarly concerned groups throughout the country, the Kansas organization is devoted to proving that the American people have not forgotten these brave men. I sincerely commend and endorse this endeavor."