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Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans) reconfirmed this morning that five C-130 transport planes from Forbes Air Force Base have been made available to provide the necessary emergency assistance to livestock owners in five storm-struck counties of western Kansas.

"This action", Dole stated, "is the culmination of day-long efforts of my office and Congressman Keith Sebelius". ~~Senator~~ Dole, ~~Congressman~~ Sebelius, and six staff members worked ~~around~~ ~~the~~ clock past midnight in coordinating efforts with the Federal agencies involved. Dole personally contacted Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor; Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, General Abe Lincoln; Secretary to the General Staff, General Warren Bennett; and numerous other high-ranking officials in the military and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Dole was able to reach Governor Robert Docking, who was attending a White House function, late last night so that the official request, as required by law, could be made by the Governor.

Dole added, "We are now advised the C-130's will be <sup>airborne</sup> ~~launched~~ this afternoon, and our office is coordinating in setting up the areas where the hay is to be dropped".