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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 26 --- In a letter to Postmaster General Winton M. Blount, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) urged that the bulk mail facility previously announced for construction in the Kansas City Metro area, be built in Kansas City, Kansas.

Dole noted that the projected facility, appears to be "regional in function, benefitting postal operations in both Kansas and Missouri," and believes that a Kansas site, near geographic, population and transportation centers of the metro region, would best serve the needs of the U.S. Postal Service and postal patrons.

The new facility, one of 33 announced earlier this month by the government, will be part of a nationwide Bulk Mail Network. The system will centralize parcel post handling, and in some facilities, second and third class mail handling, to ease and improve sorting of these mail categories. The \$950 million system, scheduled for completion in 1975, is expected to reduce operating costs by more than \$300 million a year.