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BUDGET FOR KANSAS WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS -- FY 1975

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In a statement before the Office of Management and Budget today Senator Bob Dole (R.Kans.) discussed the fiscal year 1975 budget for Kansas water resource projects.

"Last month torrential rains hit the entire state of Kansas. Significant damage was inflicted by local flooding and several tornadoes, but the widespread devastation which might have been expected under similar circumstances in earlier years did not occur. In fact, information received in my office today indicates that last month three reservoirs in the Kansas River Basin -- Tuttle Creek, Milford and Perry -- prevented a total of \$247.7 million in damages. In view of the fact that their total project costs were \$179 million, I would say that is a return on investment any investor can take pride in.....

"The reasons for these differences are clear: Kansas has used the more than two decades since the 1951 floods to develop and execute a plan for managing its water resources...

So as this annual meeting takes place again this year, I would urge that the budget decisions in this area be viewed in light of the proven benefits of water resource development in Kansas and the potential for continued contributions to the well-being of our citizens."