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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Skubitz met today with Fred Malek, Assistant Director of the Office of Management and Budget to discuss the possible means of obtaining additional funds for the ForttScott restoration project.

Possibilities discussed included OMB support for a supplemental appropriation measure, inclusion of the funds in the FY 1975 budget request, or the reprogramming of available funds for use at Ft. Scott. Malek agreed to report back to Dole and Skubitz as soon as he had an opportunity to look into the several courses of action that might be followed. Although no definitive answers were obtained, both Senator Dole and Congressman Skubitz indicated that they felt the meeting had been productive and did serve to re-focus attention on the Ft. Scott project and that they are hopeful that additional funds can be made available during the coming year.

The President recently signed into law a bill which will permit an additional 1.4 million dollars to be spent on renovation activities at the old Fort. Today's meeting was an effort to make at least a portion of these funds available during the coming year so that the restoration activity can proceed on schedule and hopefully be completed for the bicentennial celebration.