



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## PORTION OF FORBES DECLARED EXCESS, HOSPITAL INCLUDED

MOUND CITY -- Kansas--Senator Bob Dole announced today that he has learned through his Washington office that a portion of Forbes Air Force Base has been declared excess to federal needs.

Dole said he had learned the portion involved is a 41.78 acre tract of land on which the base hospital and 14 other buildings are situated. Dole stated that today's action will permit the General Services Administration to move forward on the necessary steps leading to the transfer of control of the hospital building to the state.

These steps include a GSA appraisal of the building, which must be completed according to federal procedures, before the transfer can take place, though the transfer will occur at no cost to the state.

Dole also said he had contacted federal officials in the regional offices of GSA and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare urging expedited action to complete the transfer process.

Official notification of today's action by GSA is being sent to state and local officials from Washington.