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DOLE RECEIVES ASSURANCE ON AIR TAXI MAIL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today announced that he had obtained a review of the decision to discontinue air-taxi mail service in Southeast Kansas.

"In response to the objections I raised over this proposal, Postmaster General E.T. Klassen has assured me that this proposal will receive further evaluation before any final decisions on it are made," Senator Dole said. "The Postmaster General said that all prior service commitments to the area will be met -- including the services that were provided by en route distribution in railway post offices prior to the inception of the air tax route in 1968."

The discontinuation of this Wichita - Fort Scott - Independence air taxi route had been considered as a step toward reducing fuel consumption in accordance with a government-wide energy conservation program.

"I believe it is entirely appropriate and necessary to reduce wasteful fuel consumption by the government, but such programs should not be instituted to the detriment of essential public services," Senator Dole said.