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DOLE FOUNDATION NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced the selection of an Executive Director for the Dole Foundation, an organization incorporated in Kansas to aid the handicapped. Carl H. Rush, 36, will head the Dole Foundation in Washington. A search is currently underway to secure office space for the Foundation near Capitol Hill.

Mr. Rush is the former director of national and regional programs for the Levi Strauss Foundation in San Francisco. Mr. Rush began with Levi Strauss & Co. in 1979 as the company's first manager of community affairs for its Canadian operations and moved to the domestic program of the Levi Strauss Foundation in 1981.

"The selection of Mr. Rush puts me one step closer in my goal for a vibrant foundation that assists disabled Americans in establishing economic independence," Dole said. "We will now begin the effort to restore both human dignity and self-reliance to the lives of America's 35 million disabled. In my view, to provide additional opportunities for persons with disabilities who are currently inadequately served by the established programs and institutions is an attainable goal. The Dole Foundation will dedicate itself to this task."

As Executive Director, Mr. Rush is charged with planning and managing the Foundation's fundraising efforts. Through the Foundation's Technical Advisory Committee, Mr. Rush will also be in charge of reviewing grant applications, and recommending grants to the Board for approval. In future years, the Foundation may actually initiate the development of new or expanded programs rather than awaiting applications.

The Dole Foundation is a public foundation incorporated in Kansas. The Foundation's general mission is to foster increased independence and opportunity for persons with disabilities, through the funding of local programs, chiefly in employment. The Foundation anticipates beginning to make grants in the fall of 1985; since it has no initial endowment, financial support will be obtained from individuals and corporations.

The Foundation will be governed by a Board of Directors, with expert technical guidance from a Technical Advisory Committee of specialists in employment and disability. Members of both the Board and the Committee will be announced within the next two to three months.