

*Bob Dole*



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**DOLE PITCHES WICHITA FOR NEW**  
**COMMUTER AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole met today with the Indonesian State Minister for Research and Technology, Dr. B.J. Habibie to discuss the possibility of locating an Indonesian-backed aircraft production facility in Wichita, Kansas. At the Senator's invitation, Minister Habibie and the Indonesian Ambassador, Arifin M. Siregar met in Dole's office to go over details of the new aircraft program known as the N-250 Project, a 50 to 70 seat commuter aircraft targeted to fill the needs of regional commuters. This size aircraft is not currently manufactured in Wichita.

"Wichita's reputation as 'Aviation Capital of the World' is well deserved," Senator Dole told Habibie. "We have a lot to offer in Kansas - excellent manufacturing infrastructure, a top flight labor force, and the best flying conditions in the country", Dole noted.

"I am pleased that Minister Habibie was able to come by and discuss what we have to offer in Kansas. He will keep me posted as this project matures. With three other states under consideration, the competition will be tough, but as far as I am concerned, Wichita is second to none in aviation and I wanted to make our case in person," Dole added.

Habibie will visit Wichita on Thursday as he tours pre-selected sites in Wichita, Alabama, Arizona, and Washington, before returning to Indonesia. While in Kansas, Minister Habibie will meet with Governor Finney and Kansas Secretary of Commerce Bob Knight.

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