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ERNIE GARCIA APPOINTED TO WHITE HOUSE STAFF

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today announced that his Kansas Administrative Assistant, Ernie Garcia, has been appointed to a position on the White House staff.

Confirmation came from the White House yesterday that Garcia, 34, has been named deputy special assistant to the President in the White House office of public liaison. Under this title Garcia's duties will include director of White House briefings and deputy director for the office of consumer affairs.

Mr. Garcia, a Garden City native, has been a member of the Senator's staff since April 1977. Based in Washington as a legislative assistant, Garcia covered legislative issues dealing in labor, defense, veterans affairs, immigration, and U.S. foreign policy as it relates to Latin America.

In September 1980 he returned to Kansas to run Dole's Topeka office, but was soon called back to Washington to work with the Senator's wife, Elizabeth, recently appointed by President Reagan as his assistant for public liaison. At the conclusion of Mrs. Dole's transition team duties, Garcia returned to Kansas to resume his administrative position in Topeka.

"Ernie Garcia has been a member of my personal staff for the past four years and has been an excellent representative for me in Kansas and here in Washington," Senator Dole said upon making the announcement. "He has proven to be effective in both legislative and administrative duties, and I am sure his experience in Washington, in addition to his capabilities, will assist him in being as effective in the White House."

Prior to working for Senator Dole, Mr. Garcia was employed as a Policy Analyst with the State of Kansas Intergovernmental Relations Division in Topeka from 1976-1977. From 1974-1976 he was Assistant to the Dean of Men at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Garcia has also been employed as Leadership Training Coordinator for El Centro De Servicios Para Mexicanos in Topeka, Kansas, from 1972-1974, and as manager of two retail stores in the Wichita area from 1968-1972.

Mr. Garcia received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Mr. Garcia served in the United States Marine Corps, receiving an honorable discharge in 1972, and is currently a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

He is married and has one son.