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MARQUEZ SELECTED AS KANSAS U.S. ATTORNEY CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. attorney general's office today notified Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum that Jim Marquez had been selected from the four nominees as candidates for U.S. attorney for the district of Kansas.

Dole and Kassebaum said the FBI now will begin a formal background investigation, following which it is anticipated the President will submit Marquez's nomination to the U.S. Senate. It is estimated the investigation will take 4 - 6 weeks for completion.

Marquez, a 40-year-old Topeka attorney, was one of four candidates whose names the two senators submitted to the attorney general for consideration on April 29.

Marquez has had extensive experience in the legal field, both in and out of government. He was the Kansas assistant district attorney from 1973 to 1975, and served as acting secretary of corrections in the Bennett Administration. Additionally, Marquez was a pardon and extradition attorney and legal advisor to the governor from 1975 to 1977. He has also been an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board. Senator Kassebaum appointed Marquez to the first Federal Judicial Nominating Commission in 1979.