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## ANTI-SEMITIC, RACIST BROADCASTS INVESTIGATED

### DOLE ANNOUNCES FCC ON-SITE PROBE OF

#### DODGE CITY RADIO STATION KTTL

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) yesterday sent a field team to investigate Dodge City radio station KTTL, a controversial station that has broadcast programs urging its listeners to kill Jews and blacks. The objectionable programming aired by the station has focused attention on renewal of the station's broadcast license.

"I am pleased that the FCC has taken this significant step to determine whether KTTL should continue to operate," said Senator Dole. "Expeditious action on this controversial radio station is in the best interest of all involved and has been assured by the FCC."

The 2-man Federal team was supported by personnel from Kansas state agencies including the KBI. The one-day, on-site inspection was ordered following allegations that listeners did not have access to the station's public files and that potential access was shut-off by intimidation.

The investigating team conducted a standard "technical inspection" of KTTL's facilities including a search of the public files. Initial reports from the FCC in Washington indicate the investigating team was allowed full access and was treated cordially.

"This investigation is highly appropriate in light of KTTL's questionable programming. Although it will be 6 to 8 weeks before the full Commission takes further action on this matter, the investigation serves as an important step in the licensing deliberation. I am glad the FCC is taking a hard look at KTTL's handling of their responsibility to the public and their right to continue transmission of such threatening programs," Dole said.

In May, Senator Dole wrote to FCC Chairman Mark Fowler, informing him of the racist remarks and threats that had been broadcast on the radio station, and to urge the Commission to determine whether the station's performance could withstand the test of FCC law. Senator Dole submitted testimony to the House Telecommunications Subcommittee on August 4, in which he said that in his view, "violence is not in the public interest," referring to federal statutes under which radio stations must operate "in the public interest."

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KTTL is currently involved in four broadcast license-related processes. Yesterday's investigation paves the way for Commission hearings regarding the future of the station. Petitions and objections have been filed against the station by the National Black Media Coalition, Dodge City Citizens for Better Broadcasting, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Community Relation Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, and Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan. The Dodge City station's frequency is being challenged by a competing license application from Community Service Broadcasting Inc. An administrative law judge will address the competing application and license renewal processes in a hearing following the filing of reports from the field investigation team.

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