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WHITE HOUSE RESPONDS TO DOLE LETTER ON KC REGIONAL OFFICES
Kansas City's Status As Federal Regional Center Intact

WASHINGTON -- White House Chief of Staff Don Regan today responded to Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's letter of March 2 regarding the future of Kansas City's federal regional offices.

"Don Regan called today to tell me that the Reagan Administration has no plans to change Kansas City's status as a federal regional center, and that no plans exist to close any of the existing regional offices," said Dole. "Mr. Regan confirmed to me the President's resolve to proceed with any spending restraint program regarding federal office space in a manner that will not be harmful to the Kansas City area economy."

"Rumors of the closing-down of Kansas City federal offices seem to crop-up as often as the federal budget is debated in Congress," said Dole. "Times have changed, though, and I can't expect the Administration to tell me that budget cuts will not affect Kansas City in any manner whatsoever."

"I can report to the people of Kansas City a commitment from Ronald Reagan's top assistant that there will be no program enacted that would result in significant displacement of Kansas City area federal workers," said Dole. "In fact, if any recommendations come to the White House from agencies regarding the future of a Kansas City regional office, Mr. Regan told me that I will be consulted before any action is decided upon."