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GRAIN LAB TO REMAIN IN KC

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has assured him, Senator Kassebaum and Congresswoman Meyers that its federal Grain Inspection Service's standardization laboratory will remain Kansas City.

In a meeting yesterday with Dole, Secretary Block assured the Senator that the proposed plan to move the Service's lab from Kansas City to Washington, D.C. would not be implemented. Senator Dole, Senator Kassebaum, and Congresswoman Meyers had requested Secretary John Block review suggestions that the service lab be removed to Washington, D.C. -- a move which Dole said made no sense in either terms of saving tax dollars or better serving the Kansas and Midwestern grain industry.

"I'm pleased that Secretary Block agrees with us that needlessly shuffling about federal services and workers -- especially those connected with agriculture -- doesn't do anything to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of government, or save tax dollars," said Senator Dole.

Dole noted that while the grain inspection service still seeks new office space for its operations, any new location will remain in Kansas City.