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DOLE TAKES 'SLICE OF KANSAS' TO KOREAN DMZ

(Washington, DC) -- When the U.S. Air Force 707 jet carrying Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS) and a Congressional delegation left this morning for the Far East for talks on international trade, it was also carrying 50 pizzas - a gift for American troops stationed in the Korean demilitarized zone from Dole and Pizza Hut.

Dole will visit the Korean DMZ on Saturday (3:15pm Korean time), August 17, and upon learning that some Kansas soldiers are stationed at the DMZ decided to take a homegrown gift to the troops.

Pizza Hut is headquartered in Wichita, so "I felt that taking a real slice of Kansas meant pizzas. I remember what Army food used to taste like, and I think our boys will appreciate some good, hot pizzas. I only hope our Kansas troops will share with the others. With pizza, though, it's hard to say," said Sen. Dole.

Dole said he asked Pizza Hut if they could prepare pizzas to keep during the 10,000 mile trip to Korea. Pizza Hut said they could, and in the middle of the night at their Manassas, Virginia restaurant 25 personal pan pizzas were baked with a variety of toppings and 25 large pizzas with deluxe toppings.

The pizzas were then quick-frozen and packed with dry ice in Coleman coolers. The Coleman Company is also based in Wichita. The coolers were picked up at three o'clock Thursday morning and delivered to Andrews Air Force Base for loading onto the airplane.

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Special instructions accompanying the pizzas will be used by Army cooks to finish the cooking process in Korea. If all goes as planned, the American troops in the DMZ will enjoy a special treat Saturday for dinner.

Pizza Hut officials in Wichita were proud of their contribution to Dole's trip, saying it was the longest pizza delivery ever made by their company.

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Advisory Note to TV News Directors:

We are attempting to get video footage and still photographs from Korea on Saturday, August 17. We have tentatively scheduled a satellite uplink from Seoul at 8:00am CST for 5 minutes of DMZ video/audio. Stations in Kansas will be notified Friday afternoon or evening of the coordinates to be used for downlinks.

Advisory Note to Radio News Directors:

We will be receiving an actuality from Seoul at 8:00am CST, and will be sending it within 2 hours to Kansas stations who have requested actuality service from us. If you are not listed with us and wish to receive this, please call (202) 224-6521.