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**DOLE BRINGS ARMY SECRETARY TO KANSAS;  
STOPS INCLUDE FT. RILEY TO DISCUSS EXPANSION  
AND FT. LEAVENWORTH TO VIEW FACILITIES**

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) will accompany the new Secretary of the Army on a tour of two U.S. Army bases in Kansas over the weekend. On Sunday, Senator Dole will meet Secretary Stone at Fort Riley, where they will be briefed on operations at Fort Riley.

Also on the agenda, at Senator Dole's request, will be a discussion of the Army's potential plans to expand Fort Riley by about 100,000 acres. At the meeting will be Secretary Stone, army officials, farmers and civic leaders. This issue is currently under review within the Army.

There will be press availability at Ft. Riley after the meeting.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:00	PHOTO OP PRESS AVAILABILITY	Meeting Room, Suite 150 Harvest Inn 1001 East 6th Street Junction City
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On Monday, the Senator and Secretary Stone will be in Fort Leavenworth, where they, along with Governor Hayden, will be briefed on Army training programs.

"Since this is the first visit of Secretary of the Army to Kansas, I accompanied him to underscore the vital importance of Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley to our nation's security. In addition, I wanted to bring to his attention, some of the challenges we face ahead, such as the Fort Riley land expansion issue," Dole said.

Senator Dole has worked closely with Senate authorizers and appropriators to secure critical funding for both of these installations. The Fort Riley community will benefit from funding for a water treatment plant to bring the water there up to standards. Fort Leavenworth has received the go-ahead from the Senate Appropriations Committee for a new training center and child development center.