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DOLE SECURES \$70 MILLION FOR CESSNA DRUG INTERCEPTION AIRCRAFT

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE HAS SECURED \$70 MILLION FOR 10 CESSNA CITATION II AIRCRAFT AS PART OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS AIR INTERDICTION STRATEGY. THE TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MARKED UP THE FY 90 SPENDING MEASURE TODAY. FULL SENATE ACTION IS EXPECTED IN THE FALL.

"THE WAR ON DRUGS JUST GOT TOUGHER FOR THE DRUG DEALERS," SAID DOLE. "CESSNA CITATION II AIRCRAFT ARE STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO THE WAR ON DRUGS."

"THIS IS GOOD NEWS FOR THE WICHITA AREA AND AIRCRAFT EMPLOYEES AT CESSNA. IT'S GOOD FOR THE WICHITA ECONOMY. I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR WAYS OUR KANSAS MANUFACTURERS CAN PLAY A ROLE IN OUR NATION'S DRUG INTERDICTION EFFORTS."

THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACT AUTHORIZED THE PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL INTERCEPTION AND TRACKING AIRCRAFT TO INTERDICT TARGETED SUSPECT AIRCRAFT. THE CITATION II WILL BE MODIFIED WITH F-16 AND FORWARD-LOOKING INFRA-RED RADAR.