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CARLA LANCASTER CASE

AIR FORCE UPHOLDS CARLA LANCASTER CONVICTION:
DOLE HAS "GRAVE CONCERNS, REAL DOUBTS" ABOUT AIR FORCE REVIEW,
PROMISES CONTINUED APPEALS HELP FOR BASEHOR, KS NATIVE

KANSAS CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY EXPRESSED "GRAVE CONCERNS" ABOUT THE AIR FORCE'S DECISION TO UPHOLD ITS COURT MARTIAL CONVICTION OF CAPTAIN CARLA LANCASTER OF BASEHOR, KANSAS.

SHE IS AN AIR FORCE NURSE ASSIGNED TO THE WILFORD HALL MEDICAL CENTER AT LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

"WITH CARLA LANCASTER'S CAREER AND REPUTATION ON THE LINE, I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS DECISION," DOLE SAID. "IN MY VIEW, IT LOOKS LIKE A RUSH TO JUDGMENT, A HASTY REVIEW TREATMENT THAT SHORTCHANGES CARLA LANCASTER AND HER FAMILY.

"GIVEN THE VERY REAL DOUBTS SURROUNDING THE AIR FORCE'S CASE AGAINST HER AND ITS HANDLING OF THE AFFAIR, CAPTAIN LANCASTER SHOULD VIGOROUSLY PURSUE HER APPEALS OPTIONS. MEANWHILE, I WILL SPEAK PERSONALLY WITH HER ATTORNEYS TOMORROW," DOLE ADDED.

IN JUNE, SENATOR DOLE HELPED CONVINCED THE AIR FORCE TO RELEASE CAPTAIN LANCASTER FROM PRISON, TELLING THE AIR FORCE THAT IT WAS WRONG TO KEEP A PREGNANT WOMAN IN JAIL PENDING THE APPEALS PROCESS. SHE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON JUNE 20TH.

FOLLOWING TODAY'S ACTION BY GENERAL DAVID REED OF LACKLAND AFB, THE LANCASTER CASE NOW GOES BEFORE THE COURT OF MILITARY REVIEW. IT MAY BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS, A PANEL OF CIVILIAN JUDGES.

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