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TORNADO RELIEF FUNDS

DOLE WINS TORNADO RELIEF AID BREAKTHROUGH; \$2.1 MILLION TO REPAIR DAMAGED PUBLIC FACILITIES TO BE RELEASED SOON; \$43.2 MILLION FOR McCONNELL AFB ALSO HEADED FOR APPROVAL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today announced he has received Bush administration assurances that \$2.1 million in federal disaster assistance will soon be released to Kansas communities hit by the April 26th tornados. Dole received the assurances in a meeting in his office with senior officials of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

At Dole's request, funding in the FY 1992 VA/HUD Appropriations Bill will be used to repair tornado-damaged public facilities. The funding was originally part of the President's emergency supplemental appropriations request, which has become bogged down in the House of Representatives. The FY92 VA/HUD appropriations bill has already received final approval from both houses of Congress, and Dole expects the President to sign the bill in the coming days.

"I am please that FEMA and OMB have agreed with my request to use 1992 funds to help us recover from our 1991 tragedy," Dole said. "Today's action means funding to reimburse Kansas communities will no longer have to wait for the 1991 supplemental appropriations bill to be released from the House Appropriations Committee. These towns have waited long enough for the federal funds they need to pay for repair of damaged roads, REA electric utilities, public buildings and reimbursement for costly debris removal."

"On my trips back to Kansas, many communities have told me that without FEMA funds they may soon be forced to issue no payment warrants. We now hope these funds will be released within the next 30 days," Dole added.

FEMA's complete list of estimated federal disaster assistance and recipients is attached.

\$43.2 Million for McConnell AFB Repairs

Dole also announced that \$43.2 million to repair tornado damage at McConnell Air Force Base is nearing congressional approval. A Senate/House conference committee on the FY1992 Military Construction Appropriations bill has agreed with Dole's request for the funding to repair damaged and destroyed housing units, the base hospital/health care center, and other facilities.

"These funds will help the Air Force make McConnell whole again by rebuilding and repairing much of the base's infrastructure, including family housing, the base hospital and many other important facilities that our servicemen and women depend on," Dole said.

A total of \$43.2 million was appropriated for McConnell, in lieu of the Senator's earlier request of \$55 million, because \$4 million of this year's funding has recently been devoted to repairs, and because some damaged facilities will be repaired with U.S. Air Force non-appropriated funds. The full Senate and House are expected to give final approval to the bill containing the McConnell funds as early as Tuesday.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

STATE AGENCIES

Kansas Dept. of Transportation	\$65,098.00
Kansas Highway Patrol	13,036.00
The Adjutant General's Office	34,655.00
Ks. Dept. of Wildlife & Parks	9,450.00

BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County	150,532.00
City of Andover	189,375.00
City of Augusta	17,264.00
City of Cassoday	9,203.00
City of El Dorado	3,750.00
City of Towanda	5,518.00
Butler Rural Electric Co-op, Inc.	264,859.00
Butler County Community College	1,800.00

COWLEY COUNTY

Cowley County	27,456.00
Township of Pleasant Valley	8,201.00
Township of Tisdale	770.00
City of Winfield	182,453.00
Sumner-Cowley Electric Co-op, Inc.	83,432.00
Caney Valley Electric Co-op Ass'n.	4,728.00
Rural Water District #5	1,751.00

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Sedgwick County	335,572.00
City of Haysville	16,304.00
Township of Minneha	22,246.00
Township of Ohio	16,670.00
Township of Riverside	14,403.00
City of Wichita	382,566.00
Sedgwick Co. Electric Co-op Ass'n.	20,054.00
Springdale Improvement District	87,050.00