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MCCONNELL AFB -- \$43.2 MILLION FOR TORNADO DAMAGE REPAIRS

Dole requested the funding to repair damaged and destroyed family housing units, the base hospital/health care center, and other facilities.

"Today's action brings McConnell one step closer to being restored. Rebuilding damages at McConnell has been a top priority for me and for the Air Force and I'm pleased Congress has agreed to provide these vital funds which will help rebuild and repair 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.

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Senator Dole also requested \$750,000 for a corrosion control project that will protect fuel tanks and fuel lines vital to the operations of the crank 184th and F-16 fighter wing. Part of the funding had mistakenly been left out during committee action. Senator Dole worked to secured the additional \$200,000 for the project.

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