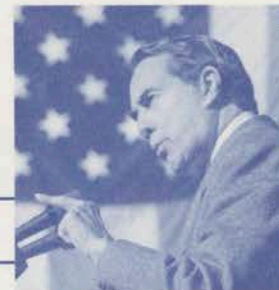


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KANSAS BASES SURVIVE BASE CLOSURE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that key military installations in Kansas survived the "add round" by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission during deliberations conducted in Washington D.C. Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, and McConnell Air Force Base today escaped being added to the Commission's list for possible closure.

"Today the Base Closure Commission confirmed what I have believed all along -- that Kansas military installations are a vital element of our national security," said Dole. "This is especially good news for the communities around Ft. Riley."

"I commend the Ad Hoc Committee, Kansans for a Strong Ft. Riley and the Governor's Task Force for their tireless work this past year. They made a strong case for Fort Riley, and they were heard," Dole added.

The Base Closure Commission may consider additional military installations not recommended by the Department of Defense. A majority vote by the commissioners is required to add any installation not previously listed. During today's BRAC deliberations, 29 bases were added to the original list of 146. No other installations will be added following the vote today.

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