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TO: SENATOR DOLE
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SUBJECT: FYI, ARMY DEPLOYMENTS TO BOSNIA

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

WHILE THE SPECIFICS ARE STILL EMBARGOED, (PENTAGON EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE SPECIFICS NEXT WEEK) I UNDERSTAND FROM SOURCES IN THE PENTAGON THAT A COUPLE OF VERY SMALL KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD UNITS ARE LIKELY TO BE DEPLOYED TO BOSNIA. AT THIS TIME, IT IS NOT CLEAR IF ANY ARMY RESERVE UNITS FROM KANSAS WILL BE DEPLOYED.

AS OF NOVEMBER 30, PENTAGON PLANNERS WERE STILL SCRUBBING THE UNIT LIST TO ENSURE THAT UNITS DEPLOYED HAD HIGH READINESS RATINGS AND WERE THE BEST SUITED FOR THE MISSION. AS A RESULT, PUBLIC NOTICE OF WHICH UNITS WILL BE ACTIVATED WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE LIST IS FINALIZED. NO USE ALERTING PEOPLE ONLY TO STAND THEM DOWN LATER.

FORT RILEY

AS FOR FORT RILEY, THE GARRISON COMMANDER EXPECTS THAT SMALL DETACHMENTS OR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL SKILLS OR WITH PARTICULAR MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALITIES (MOS) WILL BE DEPLOYED.

VOLUNTEER FORCE

IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHETHER BOSNIA IS WORTH AMERICAN LIVES MANY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND DEMOCRATS HAVE RESPONDED THAT OUR MILITARY IS MADE UP OF AN ALL-VOLUNTEER-FORCE -- THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE PAID TO DO.

I KNOW THAT SOME IN THE ARMED FORCES ARE CONCERNED AND EVEN OFFENDED BY THIS RESPONSE. IT IMPLIES THAT THE TEST FOR DEPLOYING AN ALL-VOLUNTEER-FORCE IS NOT AS STRINGENT AS THAT FOR DEPLOYING A DRAFT BASED FORCE. REPUBLICANS SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THESE MEN AND WOMEN VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY AND THAT THEY EXPECT THE POLICY MAKERS TO SEND THEM ONLY WHERE A CLEAR NATIONAL INTEREST HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

WHEN THE BOSNIA RESOLUTION IS DEBATED WE CAN EXPECT TO HEAR THE REFERENCE TO THE ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE AGAIN.