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MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR DOLE

DA: April 16, 1995

FR: Alec Vachon 

RE: AWARD FROM KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS

- \* ATTACHED FOR YOUR SIGNATURE IS A NOTE TO THE KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS--FOR A LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED YOU ON APRIL 6TH (PLAQUE ATTACHED).
  
- \* As you know, I was in Kansas April 5-10 to attend the 4th Kansas Disability Caucus--a rump meeting of Kansans involved in disability issues held every several years (SEE ATTACHED MEMO). This year over 300 people attended. The trip went very well--I am sending you follow-up memos, including reports from Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation and Hutchinson Heights.



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DA: April 1, 1995  
FR: Alec Vachon  
RE: FYI/FIRST TRIP TO KANSAS NEXT WEEK

\* Next week I will be visiting constituents in Topeka and Wichita. Highlight of visit will be attending "4TH KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS" (rump meeting of 150-200 Kansans involved in disability issues held every 3 years--organized by Gina McDonald and the Kansas Centers on Independent Living). Over the past two years--since joining your staff--I have been very impressed with the scope and depth of disability action in Kansas. Although I meet frequently w/Kansans here, and have formed some excellent working relationships, I am looking forward to visiting w/Kansans on home turf.

\* OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF KANSAS TRIP:

WEDNESDAY (LAWRENCE/TOPEKA)

--UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS/LAWRENCE--Tour Beach Center/Dole Building; meet w/professors & staff of Department of Special Education and other KU disability programs to discuss upcoming reauthorization of special education law, funding for their programs, etc.

--KANSAS COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS--Meet with Commission members & staff re legislative issues.

THURSDAY (TOPEKA)

--LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AT CAPITOL FOR KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS AND STATE LEGISLATORS.

--FAMILIES TOGETHER (Federally funded project that assists parents with disabled children)--Discuss special education, Children's SSI, etc.

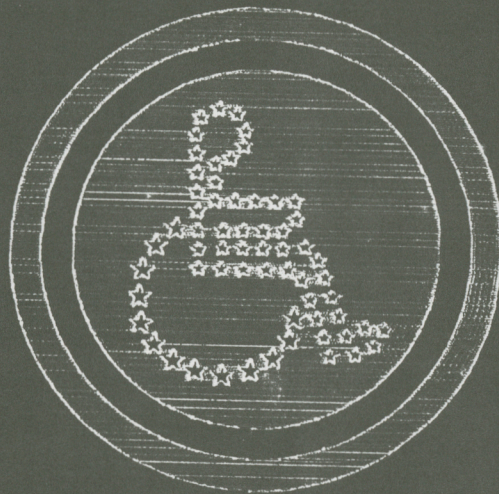
--SPEAK AT LUNCH TO KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS PARTICIPANTS.

FRIDAY (WICHITA)

--CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION--Tour their facilities, meet with Jack Jonas, etc.

--HUTCHINSON HEIGHTS--Virginia Hulet would never forgive me --nor let me forget it--if I came to Wichita and did not see HH.





Kansas Disability Caucus acknowledges

*SENATOR BOB DOLE*

for his leadership in  
promoting and protecting  
disability rights on a National level



BOB DOLE  
UNITED STATES SENATE

April 17, 1995

Dear Ms. Jones,

I deeply appreciate the award from the Kansas Disability Caucus for my leadership on disability rights. As you know, disability has not been only a legislative issue for me, but a personal one as well.

I hope Kansans with disabilities think of me not only as their Senator, but as their advocate as well. In Kansas we have a strong and proud disability community--in my view, one of the best organized in the nation. If that is bragging on Kansas, so be it. Today many Kansans have a better chance for full, independent lives than even a few years ago. It has been my honor and privilege to help make this possible. We still have a lot of work to do--and know you can count on me.

Please share my thanks for this award with other members of the Caucus.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE

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