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Dole Institute schedules July 16 'White Gloves' tour of archives, collections

LAWRENCE -- The Robert J. Dole Institute at the University of Kansas continues its monthly public, behind-the-scenes tours of the former senator's personal and political archives Saturday, July 16. Due to space limitations, reservations are required for the free "White Gloves" tour.

" We feel it's important to give everyone the opportunity to see this key portion of the Dole Institute," said Bill Lacy, institute director. "A lot of history will be discovered in our archives, in time."

" Guests who have taken the 'White Gloves' tour have rated it as one of the high points of their visit to the institute," said Jean Bischoff, senior archivist. "We're very pleased that this tour will be a monthly event open to everyone."

The tour will include a visit to the reading room, where local and out-of-state visitors research information contained in the Dole Collection. Guests also will tour the archival storage area in the lower level. The temperature-controlled area holds more than 4,000 boxes of Dole's personal and political papers and more than 25,000 photographs. The final leg of the tour will take guests into the archival processing room, where staff and volunteers process the papers, photographs and artifacts that make up the Dole Collection.

Tour guests will receive white gloves to emphasize the importance of using white cotton gloves when handling archival documents. Natural oils on fingers can leave permanent marks on photographs and documents.

The 30-minute tour will be led by Bischoff and by Judy Sweets, audiovisual archivist. Reservations can be made by phone at (785) 864-1420 or (785) 864-1405, or by e-mail at bischoff@ku.edu or asweets@ku.edu.