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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Interior Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Neal A. McCaleb will help to distribute more than 500 teddy bears collected by school children in Oklahoma for children in Washington, D.C., personally affected by the September 11 attacks.

Assistant Secretary McCaleb served as the Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation at the time the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed.

**WHO:** U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Neal A. McCaleb, in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

**WHAT:** Distribution of more than 500 teddy bears collected by school children in Oklahoma to children in Washington, D.C., personally affected by the September 11 attacks.

**WHERE:** M.V. Leckie Elementary School 4201 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20032 (202) 645-3330

**WHEN:** 1:30 p.m. (EDT), Thursday, October 4, 2001

**PLEASE NOTE:** For security reasons, the BLM or BIA will need beforehand the names of all reporters and camera people who will attend.

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