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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said today he had been notified by the Department of Agriculture that the Association of American Railroads has advised the Department several thousand boxcars owned by the Canadian Pacific will be available in this country between now and May 1 and possibly beyond.

Dole had contacted Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman last week concerning a critical shortage of boxcars for moving grain in Kansas and other Midwestern states.

Following is the text of the reply received by Dole from the Secretary's office:

April 9, 1963

Honorable Robert Dole
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Dole:

Your telegram to the Secretary regarding the matter of availability of boxcars for moving grain has been received. The Department is certainly aware of the problem of box-car supply.

We have been working on this matter for some time. We are advised by the Association of American Railroads that several thousand boxcars owned by the Canadian Pacific will be available in this country between now and May 1 and possibly beyond.

The volume of grain which CCC should move prior to this year's harvest of small grains appears to make it necessary that we continue to issue loading orders and move the grain prior to this year's harvest. It does not appear that there will be a surplus of boxcars suitable for shipping grain between now and harvest time. It is our opinion that a delay in issuing loading orders will not be of any particular benefit.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Kenneth M. Birkhead

Kenneth M. Birkhead
Assistant to the Secretary