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Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kansas) speaking at a Republican Rally in McArthur, in Ohio, Congressman Homer Abels's District, last night charged the Administration is engaged in a "hair-splitting contest" in explaining differences of our trading with communist Russia and other Communist bloc countries and England, Canada, Spain and others trading with communist Cuba is an admission to the world of a confused and muddled policy. Dole stated: "The Johnson Administration has literally opened the flood gates around the world. The moment President Johnson succeeded in his Congressional Power-play last December and authorization for credit sales of wheat and other commodities to communist countries was approved by the Democrats in Congress the lid was off. We cannot offset this blunder by denouncing those who now trade with communist Cuba for it is a well known fact that Russia is pumping over \$1-million a day into the Cuban economy. I trust most Americans will realize sale of wheat, if we are paid, will not only enhance the stature of Castro but pump up Khrushchev's sagging economy.

"It seems high time President Johnson calls for free world solidarity, for it was just last December 9, that J. Edgar Hoover stated: "We are at war with Communism and the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this, the safer we will be". I believe it is of paramount importance that this Administration stop talking of "unilateral relaxation" of tensions and begin an inventory of just who and where our friends and enemies are in the world. When we will not stand up for our own rights we are not entitled to respect from other nations. When our great country cannot even stand up to the likes of Panama and Cuba, you--the people--have every right to be concerned and I mean concerned with the future security of our country and not anyone's reelection for this is not a partisan matter.

What do we really know about the wheat deal? Why can't we be given the facts?

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What is there to hide? Why weren't there concessions exacted from the the Russians? Why preferential treatment to an enemy and windfalls to giant grain exporters? What have we really gained from the entire affair as Americans, interested in the sale of wheat? What will Russia do with it? How much will go to Castro Directly and indirectly? What is next Mr. President--long term credit?