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FOR IMPEDIATE RELEASE

Washington-Rep. Bob Dole (R.Kans.) today attacked government financing of a plan to produce and process 300,000 hogs a year in Communist Rumania for export to the United States.

"The New York invester who conceived the idea reported the U. 3. Emport-Import Banks would finance 72% of the cost of the enterprise, with private American banks supplying 12% 'Prodemport', the Rumanian State-owned trading company, the remaining funds," Dole said.

"About eight million dollars worth of American equipment will be used in the packing plant.

"It was bad enough when the Johnson Administration ordered the armed services to substitute foreign beef and pork for U. S. meat in feeding American troops stationed abroad," Dole commented, "but this latest move by the government to finance production and export of pork from Communist Rumania to this country is outrageous.

"In one action after another the Administration has sought to force U. S. foreign prices down, both by increased importation of foreign farm commodities and by dumping of government owned corn and wheat stocks into the domestic market in competition with producer sales. Import quotas on Sheddar cheese have been increased. Import quotas on sugar have been boosted by a total of 425,000 tons in three separate actions since April of this year. Export controls were imposed on U.S. hides earlier this year and have been only partially relaxed.

"All of this appears to be a part of a calculated plan to make the farmer the scape goat for rising living costs, which have actually been caused by the inflationery policies of the Administration itself," Dole concluded.