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Congress of the United States
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) in a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, requested immediate action by Freeman to shore up the declining wheat market.

Dole stated that the drop in market prices of approximately 30 cents per bushel in the past 15 days has been caused by leaks and rumors out of Washington, including a published report that Secretary Freeman intends to cut back "Food For Peace" shipments of wheat by about 25 percent. "It seems strange to me," Dole stated, "that the market price remained strong until the majority of farmers had planted their increased wheat acreage. Now that the crop has been planted in many areas, it would appear that Secretary Freeman is pulling the rug out from under the wheat producer and certainly the drastic decline in wheat prices would indicate this."

THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

HONORABLE ORVILLE L. FREEMAN
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MARKET PRICES FOR WHEAT HAVE DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 30 CENTS PER BUSHEL IN KANSAS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

I AGAIN URGE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE DECLINING MARKET. THE DRASTIC DROP IN PRICE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED IN A LARGE MEASURE TO LACK OF ANY DEFINITE ADMINISTRATION POLICY WITH RESPECT TO WHEAT EXPORTS.

YOUR LETTER TO ME OF SEPTEMBER 22 AND THE LETTER OF AUGUST 30 FROM UNDER SECRETARY JOHN A. SCHNITTKER INDICATED THAT MARKET PRICES FOR WHEAT WOULD CONTINUE STRONG. THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE, AND AS A RESULT, WHEAT PRODUCERS IN KANSAS AND THROUGHOUT AMERICA ARE SUFFERING HEAVY ECONOMIC LOSSES. WHEAT PRODUCERS REQUEST ASSURANCES THAT GOVERNMENT STOCKPILES OR CUTBACKS IN P. L. 480 SHIPMENTS WILL NOT BE UTILIZED TO DEPRESS THE DOMESTIC MARKET.

WILL APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THIS CRITICAL PROBLEM.