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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 1 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) received word today from the Department of Agriculture that a study will be made into the number of Canadian custom combine crews that participate in the wheat harvest.

In response to a suggestion by the Kansas Senator, the USDA said that it will cooperate with the Department of Labor and the Department of State in making the study. Dole said his request was made at the suggestion of many Kansans who had written him protesting the number of Canadian custom combine crews working throughout the wheat harvest ares in the United States in the past few years.

Last year, Dole explained, Canada reduced the number of acres planted, and a greater number of Canadian harvest crews came to the United States to cut wheat during harvest. He said American cutters have complained to him that the Canadian cutters do not pay taxes, and that the wheat farmer has no protection nor recourse against any liabilities. Dole said: "It seems to me that the information gathered by the study will be quite helpful in determining the extent to which these Canadian harvest crews are jeopardizing our own operators, if this should be the case."