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WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER 10, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today said he has received further assurance from Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz of his commitment to work for the betterment of agriculture and the preservation of the family farm.

In a letter dated, December 9, Secretary Butz wrote:

"You (Senator Dole) and the other Senators who have shown their belief in the President's sincerity in advancing agriculture and for my administration of that program may be assured that every possible avenue will be explored to coordinate our national efforts toward adequately improving family farm income.

There is much that can be done, and will be done, to preserve the family farm as an integral front-line force in our drive to revitalize rural America...I propose to use every tool at my command to reach this objective."

Secretary Butz wrote that the mutual trust and cooperation of every leader today would be needed to, "achieve a place for agriculture that has been lacking for nearly a half century."