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WASHINGTON, D.C. , Jan. 4, 1971 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.)
said today he was "particularly pleased" at the announcement
by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz that the White House
has released \$55,500,000 to be added to funds for the Rural
Environmental Assistance Program (REAP).

Dole explained that the funds announced today will bring the
total funding to \$195 million, since \$140,000,000 of the appropria-
tion had been released earlier. The Kansas Senator said he
was pleased by today's action because it will "enable Kansas
farmers to continue their land improvement and conservation
programs funded by REAP."

Dole, who had been urging the White House to release
the funds, said that he expected to know in a few days as to how
much of the money would be going for Kansas use.