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## SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE MEETING TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole this morning attended an hour and a half long, special White House meeting of the nation's farm leaders to discuss the fertilizer shortage, fuel for planting and harvest, and losses being suffered by cattlemen.

The meeting was also attended by a small number of Congressmen with strong agricultural interests and farm leaders from across the nation. Kansans present were Gordon Leith of Prairie Village, Vice-President of Farmland Industries and President of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and George Voth of Hutchinson, President and General Manager of FAR-MAR-CO, Inc.

The meeting consisted of an open discussion centering around the situation of the nation's farmers. The need for adequate fuel for the wheat harvest and the losses being suffered by cattlemen due to depressed live cattle prices were both stressed. Farm leaders said that if farmers are expected to maintain the increased food production requested by the Administration, they must be provided the fuel, fertilizer and transportation they need to grow, harvest and distribute their commodities.

During the meeting, the President commented on Federal Energy Office efforts to provide adequate fuel and also the need to maintain exports and at the same time monitor increasing dairy imports. The President also acknowledged problem conditions in rural America, and particularly his awareness of the adverse conditions present in the beef industry. He pledged his support to correct these problems and increase farm income.