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DOLE HAILS PRESIDENT'S OFFER OF MORE GRAIN TO SOVIETS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today hailed President Reagan's announcement that the Administration will let the Soviet Union purchase 10 million more metric tons of grain in the second year of the long term grain agreement between the two superpowers.

"The President's decision is good news for American agriculture. As every farmer knows, we're still picking up the pieces of the Carter/Mondale grain embargo and this latest move by the White House is yet another important step to restoring our reliability as a trading partner."

Senator Dole, who helped reopen grain talks between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. in 1982, had earlier this month asked the White House to confirm statements made by the President on the campaign trail in Illinois that the Administration would be glad to offer the Soviets more than the minimum 12 million metric tons of grain before the next scheduled round of consultations.

"The President has plainly stated that the doors to our grain bins are wide open, we're eager for business and we're looking for cash on the barrelhead," Dole concluded.