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DOLE HAILS REAGAN FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today congratulated the President on his decision to provide humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia and other African countries suffering from drought and famine.

"It is my understanding that transportation means have greatly improved in that part of the world, and it is my hope that this food will be able to reach those needy people as quickly as possible," said Senator Dole. "America has been blessed with an imcomparable food producing capacity, and it is appropriate that we should be a leader in sharing our abundance with less fortunate countries in serious need."

"I am pleased that the Administration has decided to release wheat from the International Food Security Reserve to provide food assistance to Ethiopia and other parts of Africa, where serious drought and famine conditions have already had very tragic consequences," said Dole. "Last month, I urged Secretary of Agriculture John Block to use his discretionary authority to release up to 300,000 metric tons of wheat from this emergency reserve. I am pleased to hear that this additional wheat is now en route to Ethiopia."

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