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DOLE MEETS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON TRADE, HUMAN RIGHTS

Washington, DC -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today told visiting Soviet officials of his disappointment over the U.S.S.R.'s failure to live up to an agreement to purchase American wheat and corn and its failure to honor human rights standards mandated by the Helsinki accords.

Dole met with Soviet Minister of Trade Boris Aristov and Ambassador U. V. Dubrinin this afternoon. He told the Soviet officials that better relations between the U.S.S.R. and the United States can result if the Soviet officials start to live up to their promises.

"On these two important issues - trade with American farmers and fundamental human rights for every individual in their society - the Soviets have not kept their word," said Sen. Dole following the meeting. "I told them in the simplest terms that better relations between our two nations rest with their actions, with their living up to these major agreements."

Dole expressed his disappointment over the Soviet's failure to purchase four million metric tons of U.S. wheat as called for in the 1983 trade agreement signed by the two super powers.