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From the Office of
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Congressman Bob Dole (R. of Kansas) has again requested information from Under Secretary of Agriculture Charles Murphy concerning recently announced Department plans to spend the reported sum of \$70 million to move 179 million bushel of wheat from the Midwest for storage in urban areas for emergency use in times of war or disaster.

Dole stated, "I have not received a reply to my inquiry of July 28 addressed to Murphy though details of the plan have apparently been made available to the Press which has described the plan as "secret" and "hush-hush". If the plan is "secret" someone failed to keep it so and, if not, the details should be made available to members of Congress for study and as an aid in answering inquiries."

Dole stated he pointed out to Murphy the folly of moving non edible "raw" wheat and suggested consideration be given to use of "Redi-Wheat", developed by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Wheat Commission, which he described as a "highly palatable, processed, debranned, whole kernel wheat which could be easily packaged to meet differing supply requirements."

Dole again requested the Department of Agriculture task force, headed by Murphy, to consult with all interested parties, farm organizations, and representatives of the grain industry before spending any of the reported \$70 million needed to move the grain and provide storage facilities.

"There should be full and complete discussion so that a solution can be developed which will carry out the objectives sought without needless expenditures of public funds," Dole added.

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