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From the Office of
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Congressman Bob Dole, Republican, Kansas, has distributed a small transparent bag of hard red winter wheat to his colleagues along with a letter criticizing a proposal by the United States Department of Agriculture to spend \$47.2 million to move stored wheat from the Midwest to 191 urban areas. Dole referred to the sample of wheat as "The Freeman Lunch" and pointed out Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, in Columbia, Missouri, recently indicated "wheat can be chewed if people are hungry". Dole concluded, "So can shoe leather though not many relish the thought".

In praising Kansas wheat, Dole indicated a more logical plan would be to keep the wheat in the Midwest, near milling facilities and where it is now widely dispersed. He also indicated the \$47.2 million could be used for research to develop processed wheat products such as Redi-Wheat, a new Kansas product. The Congressman stated, "Redi Wheat could be easily stored without building costly storage facilities, it is ready eat, and would be an excellent food to stockpile."

He ridiculed the Department's request for the \$47.2 million appropriation and urged his colleagues to "pause to munch on the Freeman Lunch", before voting in the event an effort is made to add any of the \$47.2 million to the 1962 supplemental Appropriation Bill, which should reach the House for consideration today.