

News from Senator

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DOLE HAILS PRESIDENT'S OFFER

TO NEGOTIATE LTA WITH SOVIETS

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today hailed President Reagan's decision to negotiate a new long term grain agreement (LTA) with the Soviet Union.

"This is an extremely important step in restoring the reputation of the United States as a reliable supplier to this important market, said Senator Dole. "I hope the Soviets will respond positively to the Administration's initiative and that negotiations begin soon."

Dole, along with Senator Charles Percy (R.-Ill.), authored a Senate Resolution calling for the early negotiation of a new LTA.

Senator Dole traveled to Moscow in November 1982 to discuss trade with the Soviets and in addition met with Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin on three separate occasions in Washington in order to further the prospects of renewed grain trade.

"This has been a joint effort with the administration. I am glad our efforts paid off in this vital first step," said Dole.