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DOLE HAILS CONFIRMATION OF NEW LTA TALKS IN LONDON
FORMER TOP DOLE STAFFER TO HEAD GRAIN NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, today welcomed indications that negotiations on a new long-term grain agreement with the Soviet Union are now scheduled.

Representatives of the two superpowers will meet in London on June 1 and 2 in what was previously billed as consultations, although officials now indicate that after an opening day of previously scheduled discussions on supply and production, the second day will see both sides prepared to talk about a new LTA.

"It seems clear that both sides are ready for serious and thorough talks on agricultural trade relations," Dole said.

Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, also noted that the U. S. grain negotiating team will be headed by Deputy Trade Representative Robert E. Lighthizer who served under Senator Dole as his Committee's Chief Counsel and Staff Director.

"I have absolute confidence that Ambassador Lighthizer and his team will work to get the best possible agreement for American agriculture," Dole stated. "During his years in charge of my Finance Committee staff, Bob's trademark was to always exceed all expectations. I fully expect him to meet the same standard of excellence during the upcoming negotiations on a new LTA."

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