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DOLE RECEIVES POSITIVE RESPONSE ON CHINA GRAIN SALES --  
"SETTLEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT" SAYS AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, senior Republican on the Agriculture Committee, today released the text of a letter from Chinese Ambassador Zhang Wehjin that he characterized as "a positive development in our effort to normalize imports of U.S. grain by the PRC."

Earlier this week, Dole wrote a letter to the Ambassador urging the PRC to fulfill its agreement to buy 6 million tons of U.S. wheat by the end of this year.

The Chinese had suspended grain purchases following a dispute over U.S. textile quotas. The dispute has been settled but so far the PRC has not fulfilled its obligation to the grain agreement.

"It is clear from the Ambassador's letter that Congressional concern over the recent textile dispute was appreciated, and may encourage the Chinese to meet their commitment on wheat and corn purchases from the U.S. this year."

The text of Ambassador Zhang Wenjin's letter is as follows:

**THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Dear Senator Dole:

It is my great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1983 in which you have shown your concern about the current bilateral grain supply agreement between our two countries.

I wish, first of all, to express my sincere appreciation for what you and a number of Congressmen have done to urge your Government to resolve the quota problem over export of Chinese textiles and apparel to the United States. We treasure all the amicable efforts you and your friends have made in seeking a mutually acceptable solution over the disputes on the textiles agreement.

As you are aware that China formally announced, on September 6, 1983, a lifting of the purchase freeze of U.S. agricultural products in view of the current situation. In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will soon send a delegation to China to discuss the issue, and as scheduled, a Chinese buying group in this respect is to visit the United States in November this year for further talks on purchasing U.S. grain. Actually we have resumed buying U.S. agricultural products as well as synthetic fibres recently.

It is my belief that a mutually satisfactory settlement can be worked out with joint efforts that will, no doubt, enhance the mutual understanding and the bilateral trade relationship between China and the United States in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Zhang Wenjin'.

Zhang Wenjin