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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) called the attention of Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to complaints of Kansas grain dealers who report they are unable to "obtain boxcars to move wheat to terminal and export positions."

Dole asked the Secretary what steps are being taken "to alleviate this situation" and also urged that CCC reduce its "corn sales for at least a few weeks to make more cars available for wheat."

Following is the text of Dole's telegram to Freeman:

Honorable Orville L. Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
USDA
Washington, D. C.

Many Kansas private and co-op grain elevator operators report continuing inability to obtain boxcars to move wheat to terminal and export positions. Situation appears particularly serious in Northwestern Kansas and along Burlington Lines in Nebraska as well. One operator has loading orders for nearly one million bushels of wheat from USDA but is unable to obtain cars to move this grain. Realizing the prolonged dock strike of last winter is in part responsible for this critical car shortage now, some grain men believe that heavy sales of CCC corn--25 to 30 million bushels a week--are diverting many cars which would otherwise be available to move wheat. With CCC beginning to take over 1962 crop wheat stored on farms and in warehouses, the boxcar shortage seems certain to become even more critical. Can you advise as to what steps are being taken to alleviate this situation? Would it be possible for CCC to reduce corn sales for a few weeks to provide more cars now for movement of wheat?

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