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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) charged today that President Johnson and Secretary of Agriculture Freeman have, in effect, admitted preferential treatment to Communist Russia in permitting a second sale of durum wheat. The second transaction announced today by Cargill Inc. of Minneapolis, involves nearly 8-million bushels of "durum". The earlier sale in January by Continental included 13-million bushel of durum was widely heralded by the Administration in an effort to coverup the additional 14 cent per bushel export subsidy to help pay the higher U.S. ocean freight charges. The American public at that time was propagandized with statements about Russians reluctance to buy durum wheat which is used for spaghetti, ravioli, varieties in the Russian diet *all to show what a great*
trick we were in selling them something they didn't want

It was recognized by many ^{down} the "export subsidy" on the first Russian deal was 13 to 14 cents per bushel higher than the usual subsidy rates which gave the exporter (Continental) an extra ~~of~~ \$1.7-million to apply against higher U.S. "freight rates." The Russia deal announced today is Chapter 2 of the ^{been covering} freight covering all at the cost of the U.S. taxpayer and giving Cargill about \$1.2-million to apply against higher U.S. rates for ^{again} in addition to the normal export subsidy another 13 to 14 cents per bushel has been ^{secretly} added.

It is one thing to give Russia preferential treatment but ^{for} ~~even~~ worse are the Administrations efforts to cover it up. Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges let the truth slip when he agreed at a press conference on January 7, the high durum export subsidy ^{on the 1st deal} included a sufficient margin to permit the grain exporter to absorb transportation costs.

I cannot understand why the American public cannot be told the truth. How many Americans must die before we stop subsidizing the Communists? Dole concluded.