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At a Lincoln Day Rally honoring House Minority Leader Charles Halleck at his hometown of Rensselaer, Indiana, Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) called upon President Johnson to "confer immediately with Free World leaders in an effort to establish guide lines for trading with Communist Russia, Cuba and other Communist countries. We can no longer tell other Free World countries to 'do as I say and not as I do'."

The moment President Johnson succeeded in his Congressional power-play and sales of wheat and other commodities to Communist countries was approved by the Democrats in Congress the lid was off in Europe. We cannot offset this blunder by denouncing those who now trade with Communist Cuba if we think for a moment that Russia is pumping over \$1-million a day into the Cuban economy. I trust most Americans will realize our sale of wheat to Russia will enhance the stature of Castro as well as pump up Khrushchev's sagging economy.

It seems to me that it is high time Johnson calls for western solidarity and indicates his good faith by halting all transactions with Russia respecting the sale of wheat or other agricultural commodities. It was just last December 9 that J. Edgar Hoover stated: "We are at war with Communism and the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this, the safer we will be," and I think it is of paramount importance that this Administration quits talking of unilateral relaxation of tensions and begins an inventory of just who are our friends and enemies in the world. When we do not stand up for our own rights we are not entitled to respect from other nations and when this great country cannot even stand up to the likes of Panama and Cuba, you--the people--have every right to be concerned and I mean concerned with the future security of our country and not anyone's reelection.