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DOLE CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION ON LP GAS ALLOCATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In a letter to President Nixon today Senator Bob Dole urged that immediate action be taken to implement a mandatory LP gas allocation program. Dole said he has been contacted by farmers and grain elevator operators who are expecting a record harvest of corn, grain sorghum and soybeans to begin within the next few weeks. "They do not have sufficient quantities of propane gas to dry even a normal harvest," Dole commented, "not to mention the expected record crop."

The Kansas Senator said he had recently learned from the Office of Oil and Gas that the mandatory allocation program for LP gas is being held up until a general plan for controlling all petroleum products can be put into effect.

"The situation in the grain producing states is growing critical," Dole said, "and with the propane supply running short and this year's crop expected to be an unusually wet one, there is danger that the record crop will be nullified by losses from the drying and storage problems. With farm exports and food prices a focus of increasing attention, the loss of a substantial portion of the crop could have far-reaching significance. These facts dictate an early decision on mandatory allocation for LP gas, and I would urge that immediate action be taken."