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DOLE URGES HEARINGS INTO U.S. FOOD RELIEF LEVEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today requested Senate Agriculture Committee hearings "to consider the ability of this nation to increase its expenditures for the Food for Peace Program." In a letter to Agriculture Committee Chairman, Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), Dole strongly urged that "the feasibility of using meat, dairy products and other livestock and poultry products be explored in food relief hearings." The Kansas Senator's letter follows his return from Rome where he was a U.S. delegate to the World Food Conference.

Dole said the level of U.S. food assistance must be decided by the United States, "the issue cannot be resolved at the United Nations or by any other group of nations." He added that a proposal to increase the U.S. food relief program should be considered by the entire Congress, "and that consideration should begin in the Senate Agriculture Committee."

Senator Dole said important factors in considering the purchase of commodities for food relief include "the present surplus of livestock and poultry and the disastrous conditions in the livestock, poultry and dairy industries." [Dole said another issue needing further analysis is the "impact of increasing our food relief efforts on the rate of inflation."

Dole added the hope that in the requested hearings, "the Committee will consider a resolution expressing the intent of Congress that meat and other commodities should be increased in the U.S. food relief program."