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DOLE URGES REAGAN TO ANNOUNCE HE WILL END GRAIN EMBARGO IF ELECTED

WASHINGTON, D.C.....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today he is sending Governor Ronald Reagan a telegram urging him to announce that the grain embargo to the Soviet Union will be ended the day Gov. Reagan takes the oath of office for the presidency.

Dole said, "Gov. Reagan has announced his opposition to the embargo and believes the embargo has not achieved the necessary penalty for the USSR, but rather, it has just hurt farmers in the U.S. Gov. Reagan could let it be known he will end this serious economic mistake made by the Carter administration."

"This action by Gov. Reagan could be a signal to the farming community that Reagan will support programs to expand our agricultural exports and will work to bring prosperity to the family farmer. Such an announcement could also be a signal to farmers that Reagan will not support such embargoes as president."

Dole said, "Almost everyone agrees the U.S. sanctions against Russia have been a flop. They are not working except to the detriment of the American farmer. The punishment that Carter thought has been further diluted by the noncooperation of America's allies."

"I also intend, " the Kansas senator said in a speech to the Food Writers Association at a meeting in Washington, "to introduce a bill next week in the U.S. Senate to overrule the President's embargo action. It just isn't working and is now very counter-productive. We've put our farmers and exporters in a strait jacket, while all the others run around free to sell."

"I intend to work to see that the embargo action is ended. My theory is, 'If it's broken, let's fix it,' The time to fix it is now."