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## ADMINISTRATION'S EMBARGO FOLLIES CONTINUE WITH EACH NEW MOVE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) said today, "The Carter Administration's embargo follies get worse with every new decision reaching a stage where American farmers are wondering when these actions will end."

"I said on January 7, I believed the offer by the Carter Administration to buy the grain contracts of the embargoed grain was the beginning of the 'Embargo Follies'," said Dole.

"We now find the Carter Administration saying they want to hurt the Russians with the embargo action. And then we find them taking actions that weaken the embargo. Actually, the only people hurt are the American farmers."

### 'Weakened Three Ways'

"The Carter Administration weakened the embargo by, (1) allowing the American grain exporters to buy foreign grain and sell it to the Russians, (2) not getting firm agreements from other exporters not to sell to the Russians; and by (3) allowing Russia to buy 8 million metric tons of grain under the 5th year of the USSR-USA grain agreement starting October 1, 1980.

"This is all utter nonsense and sheer folly. When you look at all of the actions by the Carter Administration as a whole, they just do not make sense," said Dole.

"Leading grain experts tell me this is the most disorganized involvement ever recorded by the government in the grain business. The involvement has cost us billions of dollars, cost us grain markets, set the U.S. back ten years in grain market development, and damaged U.S. integrity in the international grain trade. After doing all this, the Carter Administration then has taken actions to help the embargo self-destruct."