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## DOLE TO TRAVEL TO DETROIT SUNDAY, JULY 6, TO PREPARE AG PLATFORM

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas), Chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee of the Republican Platform Committee, will leave Sunday, July 6, for Detroit, where he will continue preparations for the presentation of an agriculture plank at a hearing Tuesday.

Dole, a senior member of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee, has worked over the Fourth of July weekend in an effort to put the final touches on the ag plank.

"I believe agriculture to be of vital importance in the 1980 presidential race," said Dole. "It seems to me that the farm states will be a key battleground. My responsibility as Chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee is to see that we build a plank that will indicate to America's farmers that we intend to help them regain the ground that has been lost to them over the past four years-- and plan to allow them to prosper in the future."

Dole, who on Thursday, July 3, read a statement by Gov. Ronald Reagan calling for an end to the grain embargo, said such a call will also appear in the platform.

"The President has tried to wrap himself in patriotism on this issue, but it just won't wash. There's nothing patriotic about a program that has failed-- and is hurting Americans more than Russians. That's not patriotism, that's masochism," said Dole.