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From the Office of
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Congressman Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, stated today he has written Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, in what he termed a "final effort" requesting Secretary Freeman to raise the 1961 support price of wheat to at least \$2.00 per bushel for cooperators, under the Secretary's existing authority on that Freeman support legislation introduced by Dole on May 10 which, if enacted, would raise the 1961 wheat support price to at least \$2.00.

Dole stated, "On May 10, the date my bill was introduced, I notified the Secretary and asked for a reply. On May 16 while visiting in Hugoton, Kansas, I sent a telegram to the Secretary indicating there was widespread support for the legislation in Western Kansas. In addition, copies of telegrams from Kansas farmers supporting the bill have been forwarded to Freeman. It seems strange to me Secretary Freeman has ignored my repeated requests for this legislation is of vital importance to thousands of farmers in the Midwest. If the Secretary is opposed to raising the support price he should say so, but explain why he recently raised 1961 support prices on oats, barley, grain sorghum, rice, tobacco, and many other commodities, while overlooking wheat."

Dole explained, "because of the delay it is highly unlikely my bill could be passed by Congress before harvesting begins. Notwithstanding this," Dole stated, "the Secretary has present authority to immediately raise the '61 price support of wheat to well over \$2.00, and I certainly hope he does."