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Congressman Bob Dole (Rep.-6th Dist) in his regular newsletter to constituents stated that U.S. exports of materials questionably classified as "non-strategic" have been increasing rapidly. Dole stated, "Legislation to eliminate or control such exports has been opposed by both Secretary of Commerce Hodges and Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, with Rusk indicating it might make negotiation with Russia 'more difficult?'"

Dole added, "Daily export licensing reports show that in the three weeks prior to Kennedy's Berlin speech, July 25, authorized shipments to Russia and her satellites totaled \$750,196.00 while in the 3 week period following Kennedy's speech - total authorized sales soared to \$6,278,566.00. Included in the exports were ball bearings, machine parts, rail equipment, pipe and many other items.

Congressman Dole also explained the Amendment he offered to the Administration's Foreign Aid Bill. The Amendment would have denied "aid" to any country not guaranteeing its people the basic freedoms of speech, press and religion. In his newsletter Dole stated, "I have been concerned because our country has spent millions and billions for 'aid' to countries where leaders deny their people the basic freedoms of speech, press and freedom of religion." On the House floor speaking in support of his Amendment he stated, "It is indeed strange that our great country would perpetuate by dollars the very forms of Government foreign to the basic concepts of our Constitution. If 'aid' were withheld from countries not recognizing the basic rights and freedoms of its citizens, we might learn very quickly who our friends are in this world. While Russia follows the policy, 'heads I win, tails you lose,' we frantically attempt to make aid available to all, friend and foe alike."