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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS)

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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today released the text of a letter written to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

Dole stated there is growing concern throughout western Kansas over the USDA's policy of shipping grain produced there to West Coast warehouses. The text of the letter follows:

September 20, 1962

Hon. Orville Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Freeman:

The Kansas City Star of September 16, 1962, carried the following item:

"The Kansas City Board of Trade is exercised over the action of the Department of Agriculture in moving grain from elevators on the Burlington line in Nebraska and Colorado to the Union Pacific for shipment to the West Coast.

"Grain is being hauled by truck from Venango, Neb., on the Burlington to Julesburg Colo., on the Union Pacific. Loadout from other elevators along the Burlington apparently are contemplated.

"The Union Pacific last May 26 reduced its freight rate on wheat shipped to the West Coast from Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado from 82 to 70 cents a hundred pounds. The Burlington has declined to make the same reduction.

"Traditionally, grain has moved from the Plains states to the East and the Gulf. The grain trade has huge investments in elevators and other facilities based on this movement. It looks askance at government efforts to reverse the pattern.

"The Board of Trade here is considering a protest. The Grain Exchange at Omaha already has done so."

It seems to me that wheat should remain in the general area where it was produced, if storage space is available, and should be moved only to meet domestic and export needs. I know that many people in the grain trade, as well as thousands of farmers, who store wheat under the government's resale program, are concerned over the movement of wheat against the traditional traffic pattern to West Coast warehouses. I wish to join with them in registering a strong protest against this Departmental policy.

I would appreciate knowing approximately how much wheat the Department has planned to move from Kansas and adjoining states under this program.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Bob Dole

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