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DOLE WARY ON USDA REQUEST, CAUTIONS AGAINST EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today expressed concern that a USDA request for prior notification on grain export negotiations might indicate a restrictive policy on farm exports.

Dole expressed his opposition to direct or indirect export restrictions in a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

The text of the telegram is as follows:

THE USDA REPORT TODAY ESTIMATING A FURTHER 10 MILLION TON DROP IN EXPECTED SOVIET GRAIN PRODUCTION THIS YEAR WOULD INDICATE THAT FURTHER GRAIN SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION ARE LIKELY. YOUR SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENT ASKING EXPORT FIRMS "TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BEGINNING NEGOTIATION OF LARGE EXPORT SALES OF GRAIN" HAS CAUSED ME SOME CONCERN. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD PRICES TO CONSUMERS, I RECALL THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT COMMITMENT TO FARM EXPORTS.

ON MAY 1, 1975 HE STATED:

"WE HAVE NOW ELIMINATED ALL RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID IMPOSING THEM AGAIN. OUR FARM PRODUCTS MUST HAVE UNFETTERED ACCESS TO WORLD MARKETS."

AS YOU KNOW WE PROVIDED IN 1973 FARM ACT FOR WEEKLY REPORTING OF "EXPORT SALES ENTERED INTO OR SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED." A CLARIFICATION OF YOUR REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION OF EXPORT NEGOTIATIONS IN VIEW OF EXISTING LAW AND THE PRESIDENT'S STATED POLICY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IT IS MY STRONG HOPE THAT YOUR REQUEST DOES NOT INDICATE A STRICTER EXPORT POLICY OR ANY FORM OF RESTRICTION ON FARM EXPORT SALES.