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The Honorable Richard Bell
Assistant Secretary
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

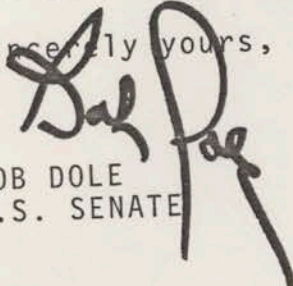
Dear Dick:

As you know, our Latin American customers for wheat are objecting to the Yellow Hard Wheat that is being harvested and shipped from some areas of Kansas and Oklahoma this year. This grading is largely due to the moisture that fell during the maturing of the crop and does not affect the protein content of the grain nor the milling or baking quality for their purposes.

It would seem advisable to examine the characteristics of this sub-class of wheat grades for possible clarifying changes. Changes during this marketing year, however, might not be fair, but some action is warranted now to reverse this objection by our customers.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that USDA put together a special wheat trade team to visit those customers objecting to this grain in an effort to educate them on the situation and assure them that a protein level of 10 to 11 percent is contained in the wheat. Would you please let me know if such a mission is feasible and how soon it could be dispatched.

Sincerely yours,


BOB DOLE
U.S. SENATE

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