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## SEN. DOLE URGES MORE CORN SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION

DES MOINES, IOWA.....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) announced in Des Moines today that he will urge Sec. of Agr. Bob Bergland and President Carter to allow the Soviet Union to purchase additional quantities of corn and other feed grains in 1978 and 1979.

Sen. Dole said, "I will send letters to Bergland and Carter next week strongly urging them to release more feed grains for sale to Russia. I understand Russia has wanted to buy more corn this year but the Administration has refused to sell it to them."

"This refusal on the part of the Administration amounts to an embargo on the sale of corn. I believe the Administration is hurting corn farmers thru this policy and has missed a tremendous opportunity to strengthen the corn price this year."

"The markets that were lost to U.S. corn farmers went to Argentina, Brazil and South Africa. The Russians will continue to turn to other markets if this policy is continued," Dole said.

Dole said; "Sec. Bergland has not only refused to sell Russia more corn this year but has refused to give the Russians information on whether they could buy more corn next year. Bergland announced last week he will wait until October to decide on increased corn sales for next year. This is another embargo on the farmers crops."

"Russia will be needing huge quantities of corn and other feed grains in the years ahead. The U.S. farmer needs this export market for his product and we should be doing everything possible to develop our long term markets with the Soviet Union. Refusing to sell corn when we have plenty on hand will not help develop this market."