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SOVIET GRAIN CREDITS

DOLE CONTINUES TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION ON
AG CREDITS FOR SOVIET UNION, BUT WITH TOUGH CONDITIONS;
ADMINISTRATION RIGHT TO RESIST "NO QUESTIONS ASKED" ATTITUDE TO
MOSCOW
DOLE TALKS TO SECRETARY MADIGAN ON ISSUE.

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today reiterated his support for extending ag credits to the Soviet Union, and agreed with the Administration that any such credits must come with tough conditions to prevent Kremlin abuses.

"The President is absolutely right -- we must be certain that the Soviets are credit-worthy, and that any distribution of American grain is equitable and non-political," Dole said. "These are the very same concerns spelled out in my recent letter to President Bush and in my Senate Resolution which will be considered as soon as Congress returns on May seventh. In fact, the House hasn't even considered it yet.

Dole also pointed out that the President is required by law -- the 1990 Farm Bill -- to make certain the Soviet Union is credit-worthy before the U.S. can extend ag credits.

"I spoke with Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan twice this morning on the credit issue. We agree that if these credits are to be extended, we need safeguards.

"The truth is, the ball is in Congress' court right now. The Bi-partisan resolution is pending in the Senate. It is my hope that the House of Representatives will be helpful. I doubt that any member of Congress wants to shovel our grain into the Kremlin with no questions asked," Dole said.

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