

Nixon aide regrets 'slip' on Russ trip

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Presidential adviser Charles Colson said he would go on "an important economic trade mission" to Moscow in two weeks, but later he said he regretted letting the news slip, the Providence (R.I.) Journal reported Wednesday.

Colson, special counsel to President Nixon, was quoted as saying, "We might be right now on the border of shipping all our agricultural surpluses to the Soviet Union."

Colson disclosed the trip in an aside during a question-and-answer period after a lecture at Brown University Tuesday night, the Journal said.

Asked after the speech to elaborate on the Moscow mission, Colson said he should not have made the remarks about the trip because the "protocols" have not been announced, the report said.

IN A RELATED development, Asst. Agriculture Sec. Carroll G. Brunthaver said in a Scottsdale (Ariz.) interview Wednesday that the United States recently has sold about \$60 million of grain, wheat, feed and soybeans to China.

Brunthaver also indicated strongly that reports that \$30 million in cotton may have been sold recently to China were accurate.

In a third and apparently related development, the American Bakers Assn. said it would renew pressure on the Cost of Living Council to approve an industrywide increase in bread prices because huge wheat sales to Russia have raised flour costs.