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DOLE OPPOSES IMPORT QUOTA SUSPENSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Dole, in a letter to President Nixon today, spoke out against the possible suspension of import quotas on wheat and flour.

"Without the protection of import quotas," Dole stated, "other countries with government-controlled marketing, could sell vast quantities of reduced price wheat and flour in our markets, driving prices down to disastrous levels and bankrupting much of our farm sector."

While describing American agriculture as the most efficient in the world, Dole demanded that if farmers are going to be exposed to foreign "dumping," other countries should lift import quotas also. "If we suspend our import quotas unilaterally, we will lose bargaining power which could be used in getting other nations to lift their quotas," Dole said.

Tariff Commission hearings were held January 7 on suspending wheat and flour import quotas. The recommendation of the Commission, possibly to lift the quotas, has apparently been sent to the White House for approval.