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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 6 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged President Johnson "to reduce the draft calls for Kansas in the months ahead."

In a letter to the President, Dole said, "This request is based upon the unusually heavy number of Kansans involuntarily mobilized this year."

Referring to the May National Guard and Army Reserve unit mobilization and the Selective Service calls for induction, he said, "Kansas has sustained an extraordinary depletion of manpower."

"It appears," he added, "that such a depletion should be adjusted to more accurately reflect the relative availability of Kansans, compared to national manpower."

Dole pointed out Kansas, with 1.12^{percent} of the U.S. population, provided 16.2 percent of the total National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves mobilization in May. Of the 12,234 National Guardsmen activated, 3589 were based in Kansas. In addition, about 395 Kansans were activated in Army Reserve units out of about 12,320 reservists mobilized nationwide.

"I am not objecting to the fact these men were called to active duty," Dole explained. "The number of Kansas units mobilized shows superior leadership and training and the outstanding quality of our state's young men."

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"All Kansans," he said later, "are willing to contribute their fair share and make the necessary sacrifices for our country."

"However it seems only equitable since Kansas has contributed more than her proportionate share of young men in May and the succeeding months, that the Kansas draft calls in the future should be lowered to compensate for the disproportionate number of Kansas units mobilized," he added.

The draft figures since May are:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL U.S. DRAFT</u>	<u>KANSAS DRAFT</u>
May	45,900	543
June	20,000	225
July	15,000	143
August	18,300	192

The Congressman also said he sent a similar letter to Lieutenant General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service, asking for comments.