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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Ks) today announced he will meet with Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, Thursday morning (July 18) here to discuss reducing draft calls for Kansas.

Announcement of the conference came after the Congressman sent letters to President Johnson and Hershey last week urging them "to reduce the draft calls for Kansas in the months ahead."

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

Kansas, he pointed out, with 1.12 percent of the United States population, provided 16.2 percent of the total National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves mobilized in May. The number of Kansans activated for June, July, and August are also high.

Pointing out he is not objecting to the fact the Kansans were called to active duty, Dole added, "Still it seems only equitable that the Kansas draft calls in the future should be lowered to compensate for the disproportionate number of Kansas units mobilized in May and succeeding months."