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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 28 -- Congressman Bob Dole has urged Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to recommend to President Johnson that meat import quotas be established "to protect the domestic meat industry and to assure an orderly flow of meat imports into the U.S."

In a letter to Freeman this weekend, Dole said, "Under existing legislation, you are required to estimate the aggregate quantity of meat imports prior to the end of each quarter, meaning your next estimate should come before Tuesday, Oct. 1."

Noting that calendar year imports exceeding 1,045.3 million pounds require imposition of the quotas, Dole said, "Responsible observers forecast meat imports will exceed this trigger level before the year's end."

"It appears Australia and New Zealand have voluntarily agreed to place limits on their exports to the U.S., thus seeking to avoid the quotas sure to be imposed if imports are to be maintained at the record levels of early 1968."

"There is no assurance," Dole said, "these self-imposed restrictions will persist long after your quarterly estimates are made."

"Meat quotas should be established to effectively protect our domestic livestock industry."