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WASHINGTON, D.C., 16 DEC. 70 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has written to President Nixon urging that the United States not go along with a United Kingdom proposal to adopt a variable levy system for grains and certain livestock products.

Dole wrote, "Variable levies have a very negative connotation to American agriculture. They have such a connotation because they are the protective instrument employed by our friends in the European Community to shield their agriculture from world trade."

The Kansas Senator stated that his constituency generally accepts the Administration's stand to eliminate the undesirable features of both the Senate and House Trade bills but if the British go through with their plan for variable levies, their whole attitude may change.

Dole recommended, "that the line be held and the British be informed that we will not accept their movement to a variable levy system. Our reaction to their proposal should be just as strong as their reaction to certain features of our trade bill."