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WASHINGTON, D.C. JAN. 9, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R.Kans.) has received assurance from President Nixon that the United States will not agree to a United Kingdom proposal to increase their minimum import price on grains in the spring and then convert to a variable levy system on grains after July 1.

The Kansas Senator had written to the President on Dec. 16, urging the President not go along with the UK proposal. 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."

In a letter from Bill Timmons, Assistant to the President, Dole was informed, "At this time we informed the British that we could not go along with their proposals for just the reasons you outlined in your letter."

Timmons wrote, "The President has just indicated to Prime Minister Heath that we remain unwilling to accede to the British request."