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FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, SIXTH DISTRICT, KANSAS,
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Congressman Bob Dole of Russell announced he has been analyzing various plans now under consideration to extend and amend the present Sugar Act which expires on March 31 of this year.

Dole stated he had conferred at length with officials in the Department of Agriculture and representatives of the sugar beet industry in recent days to obtain background information and opinions concerning the most practical way to obtain permanently larger acreage allotments for present as well as potential new growers in Western Kansas.

Dole explained that all restrictions were removed last year when Cuba was banned from selling on the U. S. Market, but it was a gamble for new producers to start raising beets in view of required costly investment in machinery, without some legislation to protect them.

"If Castro is kicked out and replaced by a regime friendly to the U. S. we would be faced with an immediate demand to restore Cuba's right to sell on our market, and if the demand was granted without domestic producers being given protection, an unfavorable price and acreage situation would develop", Dole said.

He concluded, "Most authorities agree this is the year to try obtaining a permanent increase in acreage allotments, and the experts indicate many of the bills already introduced are not realistic and have little chance for passage. It is my present intention to introduce legislation soon which I hope will be generally acceptable to present and potential beet growers."

Dole is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.