further recommends that whenever the domestic production increases, the base year import limit be increased by the same percentage. Conversely, whenever the domestic production diminishes, the base year import limit shall likewise be diminished by the same percentage. This is our "live and let live" formula.

Because of the inroads already made into the domestic market by foreign produced work gloves, this association feels that it is recommending a liberal solution to the problem (liberal to foreign producers, that is). But if this approach is adopted, the domestic producers will at least know that their domestic market cannot be further deteriorated by low cost foreign produced work gloves.

Statement of Leonard E. Leboeuf, Treasurer and General Counsel, Stevens Linen Associates, Inc.

I. THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY AFFECTED BY IMPORTS OF TOWELING FABRICS AND TOWEL IMPORTS

Stevens Linen Associates, Inc. is a textile manufacturer located in Dudley, Massachusetts. Linen towels and toweling is a significant portion of its production. We import the raw flax, card it, spin it into yarn and weave it into towels that are either finished or printed in various designs.

We have been through Escape Clause procedures and succeeded in obtaining some relief. That relief was incorporated in the new Tariff Schedules of the United States. Our products are effected by item 356.70 for linen fabric chiefly used for making towels and under item 366.30 for linen towels in the piece with coarse yarn counts. We have therefore lived with the problem of competitive imports since 1956 with ever increasing difficulties. Our items were affected by the Kennedy Round of negotiated concessions.

II. CURRENTLY THIS COMPANY IS BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED IN ITS TOWEL PRODUCTION BY IRON CURTAIN IMPORTS

Currently our greatest competition is from so-called iron curtain countries. Thus, if linen towel fabrics are imported as fabric, they enter the U.S. under item 356.70. Recent imports of toweling fabric under this item are as follows in pounds for the years indicated:

(Item 356.70)	Poland	Czechoslovakia	Total, all countries
1964	179,035	129,532	320,650
1965	241,286	94,553	358,723
1966	262,137	105,234	370,911
1967, 8 months through Aug. 31	78,968	42,951	124,059

It is self-evident that the two countries shown account for the bulk of toweling fabrics.

Of greater alarm to us is the fantastic increase in recent years in the importation of finished towels of coarse yarn counts. These are the ones directly competitive to ours and entering under item 366.30. Thus, we find the following expressed in pounds:

(Item 366.30)	Poland	Czechoslovakia	Total, all countries
1964	127,773	72,564	261,075
1965	189,631	104,573	345,394
1966	267,922	112,857	424,035
1967, 8 months through Aug. 31	390,122	110,805	510,666

In other words. Polish imports of towels for the eight months of 1967 more than tripled the entire total of the year 1964 (the year following the new Tariff Schedules).