

Act of 1962, requested the Office of Emergency Planning to determine whether anti-friction bearings and parts were being imported into the United States under circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security.

While this application was subsequently withdrawn at the request of the Association, the domestic industry, nevertheless, remains firmly convinced that bearings are being imported under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. Two factors prompted the domestic industry to withdraw its application. Firstly, the military buildup in Viet Nam had exerted tremendous pressure on the industry and had created abnormally high levels of demand. This artificial circumstance created an unsuitable atmosphere for investigation. Secondly, neither the domestic industry nor the Office of Emergency Planning could obtain accurate and reliable import data. The present system of collecting data on imports makes no attempt, as does U. S. Government collected domestic production data, to segregate imports as to size, precision and number of units.

The domestic producers contended that the present threat to national security lay not in the volume, but in the pattern of imports.

Unfortunately, neither the domestic industry, the Office of Emergency Planning, or any other government agency had or could obtain the necessary data to evaluate the contentions of the domestic industry. U. S.