

3. The collection of import data by the Bureau of Customs based solely on the legal requirements for collecting duties effectively obscures the concentration of imports of anti-friction bearings. If the contention of the domestic industry is the case, i.e., that the present impairment to the national security exists not in the overall ratio of imports to domestic consumption but in the selective pattern of imports, the U. S. Government should immediately expend every effort to measure the import impact on the various segments of the domestic industry.

4. AFBMA believes that a solid United States defense structure, founded upon a strong industrial base, is a prime requisite for peace and security. Certainly, the impact of tariff and trade policy upon the Nation's security must be scrutinized with the greatest care.

Essential industries, essential plant capacities and essential skills, must be preserved so that the Nation can quickly call upon them in time of emergency.