

(The preceding letter was also sent to Senator Sparkman, whose response follows:)

MAY 17, 1967.

Mr. LOUIS J. DUBUQUE III,
Vice President of Sales,
Dictaphone Corp., Rye, N.Y.

DEAR MR. DUBUQUE: With reference to your letter of May 3, 1967, I am sure that you are aware of the fact that the Subcommittee on Economy in Government of the Joint Economic Committee spent considerable time discussing this subject of differential under the Buy American Act with witnesses from the GSA and BOB on May 16, 1967.

The Subcommittee hearings should be available for distribution in the near future, and also the report thereon.

Sincerely,

JOHN SPARKMAN,
U.S. Senator.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., April 24, 1967.

Hon. WILLIAM E. PROXMIRE,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Economy in Government,
Joint Economic Committee,
New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR PROXMIRE: In connection with hearings your Subcommittee will be holding on May 8, 9, 10 and 16 on government procurement, I would appreciate my following statement being considered by your Subcommittee.

American hand tool manufacturers are threatened by a very substantial loss of business because the General Services Administration in its purchases for the various Federal Agencies is allowed to use only a 6% differential in favor of American manufacturers. As you know, the hand tool buying policy of the Department of Defense permits a 50% differential in favor of American manufacturers. To me, it is vital, in the best interests of the United States, that we maintain and preserve the strong American hand tool manufacturing industry. This industry deserves and should receive from the General Services Administration the same treatment afforded American suppliers by the Department of Defense, namely, a 50% differential in favor of American manufacturers. As you undoubtedly know, foreign bidders are obtaining awards from the General Services Administration when the same tools, bid at the same price, would not have been accepted by the Department of Defense. This inconsistency is working a real and severe hardship on our American hand tool manufacturers who are hard put enough as it is to compete with cheaply produced foreign manufactured tools. I urge with all the power at my command that your Committee recommend approval of legislation to remedy this situation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

WENDELL WYATT,
Member of Congress.

APRIL 28, 1967.

Hon. WENDELL WYATT,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Congress of the United States, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WYATT: Thank you for your letter of April 24 concerning inconsistent government purchasing policies under the Buy American Act.

We will certainly consider your statement during our May hearings, and I will make sure that your letter is included in the hearing record.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM PROXMIRE, Chairman.