

Senator MILLER. Yes. Your wish is shared by many people. But you have to deal with the realities. And there has been some criticism that because some of us have sought by legislation to do what I have said with respect to dairy and wheat imports, therefore we are violating that basic premise of American foreign trade policy, and that this is very bad. I just wondered if you shared that view.

Mr. GILBERT. I don't take the position that I think it is bad. Everyone of these gives me a real feeling of alarm, not only because of its effect specifically at home, but it seems to me every foolish thing we do in this country is copied abroad very quickly. And before long we end up in a very complicated world that is more complicated than need be.

Senator MILLER. I agree. But you beg the question when you say more foolish. The President just recently issued an order rolling back dairy imports considerably. When you realize that dairy imports went up from 600 million pounds in 1960-61 to 900 million pounds in 1965, and 2,700 million pounds in 1966, to a rate of 4 billion pounds at the time the President issued the order. I am sure you wouldn't call that a foolish move, would you?

Mr. GILBERT. No, I was not intentionally characterizing a specific move.

Senator MILLER. With that type of a situation, do you think that we are wrong in our approach to try to establish a reasonable base period percentage, and let these other countries share in that percentage, and thus share in our domestic consumption?

Mr. GILBERT. I think I would like to leave it that it ought to be a great matter of concern to us, and we ought to feel that we were compelled to move in these directions because I feel that we should be very reluctant to move in those directions.

Senator MILLER. Thank you very much.

Chairman BOGGS. Thank you very much, Senator.

Gentlemen, we are very grateful to all of you for your fine discussions. If any of you would care to comment on the question of future negotiating methods that may be needed by the United States, either by way of legislation, or whatever you may suggest, we would be very happy to have those comments.

This subcommittee will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the same place, at which time we will have five members of the panel whose names will be incorporated in the record.

We will now stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12 noon, the subcommittee adjourned to reconvene at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 1967.)