

THE FUTURE OF U.S. FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

SUBMITTED STATEMENTS

LETTER OF INVITATION

The following letter was addressed to a few inquirers and subsequently inserted in the Congressional Record as a general invitation. The materials included in this appendix are in response to the invitation.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
June 27, 1967.

DEAR MR. ———: Congressman Hale Boggs, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy, has asked that I respond to your inquiry concerning the Subcommittee. As you know, the Subcommittee has scheduled an initial set of hearings, in mid-July, which is the first stage in a Congressional appraisal of future U.S. policy.

The intention of the Subcommittee is to canvass a wide range of opinion on the subject, and the limited number of hearings may work against this purpose in the short run. It has been decided therefore to invite interested parties, including yourself, both by letter and through the Congressional Record, to present in writing their views on U.S. Trade Policy.

You will understand that the Joint Economic Committee is not a legislative committee and that the subject of the study is the long view of our trade policy. Our questions are about what is to be negotiated and how it is to be done, what issues are becoming less important, and what more important. It is intended that we should broadly assess the national interest. It is not that we should ignore or minimize the special or sectoral interests, but that our attention should be focused on issues of policy for the next five or ten years.

Within the broad limits described in the preceding paragraph, the Subcommittee proposes to publish the statements. Since the invitation is extended generally to interested parties, the Subcommittee reserves the option to refrain from publishing statements or part of statements that are either too long or not germane to the issue of The Future of U.S. Trade Policy. If you wish to submit a statement, please send it, before July 31, 1967, to Congressman Hale Boggs, Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy, Joint Economic Committee, Room G-133, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Sincerely yours,