which is not an exchange but whose members are members of the numerous exchanges.

Mr. THEIS. My name is Willis C. Theis. I am president of the Board of Trade of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. CHARTRAND. My name is J. S. Chartrand, and I am executive vice president of the Kansas City Board of Trade.

Mr. BROOKS. I am William F. Brooks. I am president and general counsel of the National Grain Trade Council. We are all users of futures markets.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Now, we would like the information that I outlined. Please give us the commodities, value of the contracts, and so on, traded on your exchanges.

Mr. Watts, would you begin?

Mr. WATTS. I have asked if I would yield to Professor Gray because of limitation of time.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Before Mr. Gray begins his testimony could we get from you, Mr. Watts, the commodities traded on your exchange?

Mr. WATTS. Potatoes and platinum. Potatoes are regulated; platinum is not.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. The volume of trading last year in each of these items?

Mr. WATTS. Approximately a half million contracts of potatoes, and 1,200 to 1,500 contracts of platinum. I haven't the figures with me.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. The average value of the contract in dollars and the size or quantity of the trading unit?

Mr. WATTS. Potatoes will average $1,500 a contract or less, and the average margin on money to be placed for the protection of the clearinghouse or clearning member is approximately 15 to 18 percent.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Is that unusual?

Mr. WATTS. What?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Is that 15 or 18 percent unusual, or is that a normal percent of margin?

Mr. WATTS. It is with us. We also have an escalating clause; as the price goes higher the margin becomes higher.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. The percentage of margin becomes higher, or the amount?

Mr. WATTS. The amount goes higher. You see, these are futures contracts, not cash markets—when the market reaches a cash basis, then we ask for $150 more each contract—whatever it is—if the margin is up then to around $300 or $350 we ask for another $150 to insure that the contracts will be properly carried out.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. You mentioned that the contract in dollars for potatoes runs to about $1,500?

Mr. WATTS. That's right.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. What is the size or quantity of the unit?

Mr. WATTS. 50,000 pounds.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. And in platinum?

Mr. WATTS. Fifty ounces.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. And the value?

Mr. WATTS. The value—it is pretty high right now—50 ounces—I don't trade in platinum much.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. You can supply that for us.