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I would like, Mr. Chairman, to be able to introduce that telegram and have it made part of the record.

The CHAIRMAN. It will be introduced in the record in connection with your remarks.

(The telegram referred to follows:)

[Telegram]

Hon. WILLIAM H. HARRISON,
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DENVER, COLO., September 13, 1967.

Russ Beamer advises that a Senate hearing is to be held September 14, 15, at which the proposed regulations regarding the leasing of oil shales will be discussed. We will appreciate your assistance in protecting the trona rights in Sweetwater County. We suggest that these rights be protected by the inclusion of trona and exception amendments to the proposed regulations (43 CFR 3170). The amendments should contain the following:

1. The purpose of the regulations should include language establishing non-interference with the leasing or mining of trona in Sweetwater County.
2. The definition of oil shale should exclude trona which is to be used in a commercial facility in addition to the presently proposed exclusions of gas asphaltic minerals or coal.
3. The designation of available lands should exclude, protect, and preserve lands containing trona of commercial value in Sweetwater County.
4. The proposed regulations should include language to protect the renewal of Wyoming sodium leases.

Please advise if we can be of any further assistance in this matter.

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Mr. HARRISON. I have also received a call from Mr. Beamer, who, as I said, represents the Wyoming Mining Association, and he has submitted to me certain proposed changes in the regulations promulgated by the Secretary in the Federal Register, and I believe that these proposed changes are identical to the changes which were recommended to the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Udall, by Allied Chemical earlier, and I would like to read just the proposed changes to 43 CFR 3170, just briefly.

Add a new subsection (f) to Section 3170.0-1 reading:

(f) not interfere with the leasing or mining of trona in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

Second, modify subsection (b) of section 3170.0-5 (Definition of the term "Oil shale") to read (new matter in italic and word to be deleted bracketed):

(b) deposits subject to lease as oil and gas, asphaltic minerals, **[or]** coal, or sodium **[trona]** in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, to be used in a commercial facility for the production of soda ash and/or other chemical products.

Third, the present paragraph designated as section 3170.1 (Designation of available lands) be redesignated as subsection (a) and a new paragraph designated as subsection (b) be added reading:

(b) Lands containing trona which are located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and which are presently or hereafter held under sodium leases pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act and which also contain oil shale shall not be desig-