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Senator Wayne Morse, Chairman
Senate Small Business Sub-committee
Washington, D. C.

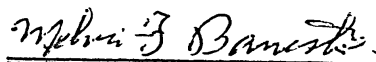
Dear Senator Morse:

As president of Local 21, ILWU, I feel compelled to apprise you of the position of the some 500 members of our local, regarding the curtailment of log shipments to Japan.

A thorough study by this Local would indicate that the plight of the small mill operator is not unlike it was several years ago before log buying by the Japanese had any material effect on the supply of logs to these mills. We, therefore, believe that to restrict the sale of logs to Japan would not necessarily relieve the present condition of the small mills and would actually eliminate many of the jobs that are now supported by these sales. The elimination of present jobs in a rather doubtful hope of creating more jobs in the mills would not seem to be the logical approach to the situation.

We feel that among the many suggestions offered to alleviate the plight of the small mills we could come up with one which could guarantee an improved employment picture than the proposed ban on log exports.

Very truly yours,


M. F. BANISTER, President
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