

Senator GRUENING. In addition to the communications from the Department of Agriculture that have been inserted in the record, I should also like to request that the record include letters, telegrams, and other statements on the subject which have been received in my office.

Senator MORSE. Fine. Without objection, we'll insert it right here. (The correspondence referred to by Senator Gruening follows:)

WRANGELL, ALASKA, *January 10, 1968.*

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes any action by the Federal Government to allow round log export to Japan. If allowed it would create an economic disaster to our area.

WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
EDWARD J. BRADLEY, *President.*

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, *January 10, 1968.*

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors opposed to the export of round log from Alaska. Copy of Resolution 68-1 follows.

F. A. SEYMOUR, *Manager.*

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, *January 10, 1968.*

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

The mayor and City Council of Ketchikan oppose the proposal of the U.S. Treasury Department to the export of round logs from Alaska to Japan. This could seriously affect the economy of the Ketchikan area. We request your support in opposing this proposal.

ORAL E. FREEMAN, *Mayor.*

JANUARY 7, 1968.

HON. ORVILLE FREEMAN,
Secretary of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.:

Alaska Loggers Association, which was founded in 1955 and represents 56 independent logging operators in the Tongass National Forest who supply all the logs to southeast Alaska's growing wood products industry, has historically opposed round log export, and is shocked by the release attributed to Joseph Barr, Under Secretary of the Treasury, who reportedly recommended log export to you. The Japanese have been and are buying all the lumber Alaska can supply, therefore, the balance-of-payment situation will be improved by the several million-dollar investments in new mills and facilities which are in process because the Japanese will buy the increased lumber production. It follows that the Japanese will buy logs in preference to lumber if the recommendation is adopted, with the result Alaska mills will close, and communities, school systems, the State and its citizens will be critically damaged. Your regulation requiring manufacture is in the best interest of Alaska, and we urge that it not be disturbed.

ALASKA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION,
By DON BELL, *Secretary.*