

MOORE CLINIC,
Sitka, Alaska, January 11, 1968.

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: We are writing to you to urge you to join the efforts of many Alaskans in protesting the round log exports.

We feel that devastation of Southeastern Alaska would quickly follow the wholesale logging that would ensue. There is already problem enough with clogged salmon streams, erosion, and the sheer ugliness of logged-off areas without hastening the process.

At present the sawmill owners are protesting; in a few years, when the pulp mills and loggers move out for lack of trees, it will be the entire area.

Alaska is the last chance of this country to treat a large wilderness area wisely and well, to avoid the rapacious tactics that have ruined so much else.

Knowing that you love Alaska as we do, we are hopeful, as private citizens, that you will help.

Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. LONGENBAUGH.

KLAWOCK, ALASKA, January 9, 1967.

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: The West Coast Development Association has taken a stand against exportation of our Alaskan round logs.

We feel exportation of round logs to Japan will not contribute to the development of home industry in our state. Log exportation is contrary to the program that our organization has presented. We will continue to seek and encourage primary and complete manufacture plants to locate here, thus providing more jobs per thousand board feet of timber harvested than would be derived from the export of round logs.

We were sorry you were unable to attend the west coast hearing on January 2. We feel much valuable and pertinent testimony was given regarding the timber industry in southeastern and the tremendous need and potential for new timber industry here in our west coast communities. As soon as we can get a copy made, we plan to send a tape recording that we made of the complete proceedings in the Jan. 2 meeting in Craig. We have asked Senator Bartlett to share it with you and Representative Pollack so that our complete Alaska delegation will be fully informed on what went on that day.

We do not intend to diminish our efforts in the least in this matter. We realize there is much hard work still to be done in order to get the wheels rolling on a concrete plan of action for west coast industry. We are not discouraged by the negative thinking of some individuals. We are certainly grateful for the encouragement and assistance we have received from many. We thank you for your help and hope you will continue to give us your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

WEST COAST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
FRANK PERATROVICH, *Chairman*.

RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER KETCHIKAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, KETCHIKAN,
ALASKA

Whereas, the long-standing United States Forest Service policy of requiring the manufacture of logs in Alaska has encouraged and developed an expanding timber manufacturing industry in Alaska based upon the export of manufactured timber to Japan; and

Whereas, due to the very low cost of Japanese labor, no sawmill products would be purchased by the Japanese if they could obtain round logs and process them in Japan; and

Whereas, continued growth in the timber manufacturing industry is essential to the well-being of all Alaska; and

Whereas, increased round log export could conceivably force a closure of all Alaska's sawmills selling to the Japanese market, and could prevent construc-