

Senator MORSE. I also want to include in the record at this point a joint statement by all the groups represented by the witnesses before us this afternoon. This is a joint statement that they submitted to the chairman of this committee upon their arrival in Washington Tuesday afternoon. I want that statement in the record.

The chairman met with the Alaskan group Tuesday evening. I hope I helped clarify for them the purposes of this hearing, its jurisdiction, the areas that are covered, which as I just said a few minutes ago covered any area of the country in which the Federal forests existed.

Other members of the Oregon delegation were present. Congressman Clausen was present. The staff members of some of the Oregon delegation offices and Washington delegation offices were present, and the chairman of the committee assured the Alaskan group that he would send a memorandum to each member of the Oregon and Washington delegations containing the prepared statement that the Alaskan group filed with him.

I insert my memorandum and the joint statement of the Alaska groups in the record at this point.

(The memorandum and joint statement referred to follow :)