

Congressman Pollock spoke to me and said he thought others had to leave tonight to go to Japan and he suggested that he would be glad to read the statements tomorrow of anyone who has to leave.

I am very sorry that we haven't been able to get to you before, but no one has any question about the fact that we haven't been wasting time in making the record, and we have to take these witnesses in order.

I am going to recess the hearing now until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock with the understanding that any of you that have to leave will leave your statement with those members of the delegation that don't have to leave, and they will read the statement for you tomorrow morning and take the questions in regard to your statement. You all know each other's points of view anyway.

I am terribly sorry but that is the way it is going to have to be.

I want to insert in the record a letter of November 16, 1967, that I addressed to the Secretary of Commerce, a reply that I received under date of November 28, 1967, by Mr. Rodney L. Borum, Administrator of the Department of Commerce, who wrote in behalf of the Secretary and at the Secretary's request, which included in it a memorandum entitled "U.S. Department of Commerce Business and Defense Services Administration Recent Trends in United States Exports of Logs, Lumber and Other Wood Products."

I am going to put it in the record today so that representatives of the industry will have it available in their copies of the transcript in ample time prior to the testimony of Department of Commerce representatives next Tuesday.

I think a fair summary of the Department of Commerce memorandum is that they are not convinced that we have a problem that justifies placing restrictions on export of logs to Japan.

Fortunately we are going to be able to have a transcript to submit to them before they testify that in my judgment is a complete and thorough rebuttal of both the letter of November 28 and the memorandum that the Department of Commerce filed with the chairman of this committee. However, I thought it ought to be available to you representatives of the industry for your rebuttal in supplemental memoranda that you will file for this record by 5 p.m. on the night of January 30.

(The materials referred to follow:)