

Lumber processing provides Wrangell with a stable, year around industry. It is complemented by fishing and sea food processing. Both of these industries, however, are seasonal in nature.

The reasoning behind the change in ruling is hard for residents of this community to grasp. At present, almost 100 percent of all the lumber shipped from Wrangell is sent to Japan. How changing the type of product being shipped would mean an increase in the balance-of-payments picture is very difficult to understand. It would mean the death of southeastern Alaska's primary year around business. And it would mean financial disaster to this community.

With few exceptions, the residents of Wrangell are 100 percent behind you in your opposition to this change. We feel the balance of payments within our community and State are our primary interest. We feel we have been doing our part for several years as one of the few areas that has been able to export goods and at the same time provide local jobs and economic growth with the same industry.

It is our feeling that without such an industry, southeastern Alaska would become economically depressed to such a degree as to become a financial burden to all levels of government.

Your very truly,

WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

WRANGELL, ALASKA, *January 15, 1968.*

HON. E. L. BARTLETT,
U.S. Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

Economic reasons we oppose log exportation proposed by Federal Government.

LOCAL 87, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S & WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION.

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.*

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, *January 1, 1968.*

HON. HOWARD POLLOCK,
House of Representatives, Longworth House 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 effect the economy of the Ketchikan area. We request your support in opposing this proposal.

ORAL E. FREEMAN, *Mayor.*