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Senator Wayne Morse, Chairman
U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Small Business
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Morse:

We have received the transcript of the January 19, 1968 testimony by A. F. Hartung, IWA's recently retired president, before the Senate Subcommittee on Small Business hearings in Washington, D.C. regarding the log export issue. A review of the extensive cross-examination of Brother Hartung has led us to the conclusion that this further communication should be sent to you in order to clear up any ambiguity that may exist with regard to the position of this International Union.

Our position was and is no more or less than that stated in our prepared testimony, namely, that there are many complicated facets to this problem of both a long and a short range nature that representatives of the federal government should be examining with the greatest of impartiality. We asserted in our prepared testimony that maximum attention should be given to the public interest and the long range well-being of the Northwest industry and its workers while subordinating considerations of expediency and the short range profitability of operators on either side of the issue (whether they are for or against restriction of log exports).

It seems necessary to briefly reiterate this position because of the inadvertent confusion that may appear in the record as a result of the reference, on page 922 of the transcript, to the composition of Japanese purchases from the Northwest's forestry industry in 1965. That passing reference led to the Subcommittee chairman's insertion of Brother Hartung's letter of September 30, 1966 to Representative Julia Butler Hansen into the record.

Dealing as it did with the situation as it existed in 1965, a year when log exports were a much smaller factor than they are in 1968, our position and that of most of the people connected with the industry at that time was quite different than it is today. This was abundantly pointed out in our prepared testimony but again, in view of the insertion of the Representative Hansen letter into the record, you can well understand our desire to clarify the intent of our January 19, 1968 testimony.