

WESTERN FOREST INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
Portland, Oregon

MEMORANDUM ON EXPORT OF RAW LOGS
FROM PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO JAPAN

Introduction

In May of this year organized labor, sawmill operators and plywood plants of Oregon and Washington brought to the attention of their Congressional delegations the sudden raid on their raw materials being made by Japanese companies. At an informal meeting attended by a number of their constituents and representatives of the Executive Branch, the Northwest delegations asked the several departments concerned for a report on the situation. On July 6 the report was submitted.

That report, verbatim, is set forth below, together with the comments of Western Forest Industries Association following each section of the report.

On July 15 representatives of county governments, labor and employers in the various affected areas met with Senator Wayne L. Morse. They described to him the initial impact and the inevitable consequences of this Japanese incursion upon the natural resources of the Pacific Northwest. Minutes of the statements made to Senator Morse are attached. Specific references to pages and lines of those attached Minutes are interspersed in the comments of W.F.I.A. on the Executive Branch report.

Following the Minutes are relevant excerpts of the national forest laws and regulations indicative of the traditional position of our nation that the timber that is harvested from our national forests is for the use and necessities of citizens of the United States. This, in turn, is followed by quotations of statements made by the Forest Service both to the Congress and to the people of the Northwest that in the States of Oregon and Washington there has been and is a serious timber shortage which will inevitably result in the closure of some of our manufacturing facilities with the consequent loss of jobs, investments and tax base.