

1 Mr. Bronson J. Lewis is an observer for the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, stated that he has been in touch with plywood plants at Bellingham,
2 Darrington, Port Angeles and Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Lewis reported that
3 these mills have lately become extremely concerned at the Japanese program.
4 Plywood plants in the State of Washington, he said, rely heavily upon peel-
5 able grades of #2 sawlogs because peeler logs are relatively scarce in that
6 area. The plants customarily peel sawlogs that are 14 inches or more in
7 diameter. Their peeling is not confined to Douglas Fir, but runs very heavy
8 to Hemlock and White Fir. The statement by the Executive Branch that the
9 Japanese apparently propose to shift their purchase program from Douglas Fir
10 to Hemlock and White Fir constitute a grave threat to the plywood industry
11 of Western Washington.

12 Mr. Lewis also referred to the statement of Mr. Ritchie concerning
13 the problems of Aberdeen Plywood and Veneer Company in continuing to supply
14 sawlogs to the sawmills. Mr. Lewis stated that this is a problem not limited
15 to Aberdeen Plywood, but confronts many plywood plants and forebodes serious
16 trouble for many small sawmills.

17 Mr. J. R. Hads, a County Commissioner from Pacific County, Washington,
18 stated that for the first time in many years logs are being exported from
19 Willapa. He stated that the first shipload was about 1-1/2 million feet
20 that ran fairly heavy to rough #3 sawlogs with some better logs mixed in.
21 Commissioner Hads stated that logs are now being gathered at the port for
22 more shipments to Japan are high grade #2 logs suitable for any of the mills
23 in the area. He added that from his knowledge of the price that is being
24 paid by the Japanese for the logs in his area as compared with what lumber
25 could be laid down for in Japan, he is convinced in his own mind that there
26 must be a subsidy. Commissioner Hads said he hopes to be able to get and
27 deliver pictures of the very high grade Spruce logs that are on the docks
28 awaiting loading for shipment to Japan.

29 Mr. Lyle W. Ternahan, a County Commissioner from Skamania County,
30 Washington, said that Skamania County has one of the largest stands of
31 timber in the State of Washington. He has been concerned for some time as
32 logs go down the river into other areas and is now gravely concerned at the
33 increasingly substantial flow of logs out of Skamania County for export
34 entirely out of the United States to Japan. Commissioner Ternahan added
35 that while this increases his county's share of the 25% fund from the
36 Gifford Pinchot National Forest, he is concerned about both the immediate
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