

1 had from closing his mill and selling his logs and timber to the Japanese; and
2 that the management of the company is currently considering the situation.

3 Mr. Autzen stated that in 1954 his company rebuilt its sawmill to make it
4 one of the most modern and efficient in this part of the country. The small
5 reserve of private timber that the company then had tributary to its Portland
6 mill shortly thereafter was largely gone. Now the mill depends almost entirely
7 on Federal timber.

8 The only reason the mill has been able to operate this long is because of
9 the work done by Senators Morse, Jackson and Magnusson to force the Forest Ser-
10 vice to open the Lewis River access road in order to get the allowable cut of the
11 Lewis River Working Circle onto the market. Mr. Autzen added that his company
12 had acquired many million feet of this timber and had, before the magnitude of
13 the Japanese acquisition program became apparent, sold some logs to the Japanese
14 from this source. The company had assumed that it could replace these logs. If
15 he does not decide to close his mill now and sell all his logs and timber to the
16 Japanese, nevertheless, when his present supply of timber under existing Forest
17 Service contracts runs out, he anticipates that it may be necessary at that to
18 close the mill.

19 Mr. Autzen said that he has a major interest in a company which is build-
20 ing a sawmill in Montana about 50 miles southeast of Missoula designed for pro-
21 cessing basically Lodgepole Pine. Mr. Autzen stated that he had already been
22 approached by the Japanese about sale of his Lodgepole Pine logs from Montana to
23 the Japanese for export.

24 Mr. Tom Melin, of Rainier Manufacturing Company, operates a mill at
25 Rainier, Oregon, across the Columbia River from Longview, Washington. This mill
26 requires 80 million feet of logs per year and employs one hundred seventy men.
27 Mr. Melin stated that a tremendous volume of logs is going to Japan out of the
28 lower Columbia River area where he has customarily bought logs to keep his mill
29 in operation. The exported logs are largely the size and species that he needs
30 to operate his mill. Hence, he has had to make arrangements with loggers to
31 acquire logs at a great distance. He pointed particularly to a sale that was
32 bought by Murphy Brothers Logging Company about 50 miles East of Eugene in the
33 McKenzie District of the Willamette National Forest from where the fir logs will
34 be transported all the way to Mr. Melin's mill at Rainier, Oregon, and the Hem-
35 lock logs will be dumped in the Willamette River at Albany for sale to the Japan-
36 ese. The impact of such transactions as this on the Eugene area mills is self
37 evident.