

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. But then going back to that July 1961 meeting, conditions, if anything, have worsened since that time according to all evidence I have been able to acquire and digest and read over and hear from people in the industry, is this not true, that conditions have not become better but they have worsened since this particular meeting in July of 1961, is this not true?

Mr. McCracken. Yes. This statement that was read by Mr. Ballard was 1961, and in 1961 we exported 300 million-plus feet of logs and last year we exported 1.7 billion. They have worsened indeed.

Senator HATFIELD. Why I wanted to bring this out is that it tends to contradict the testimony of Mr. Hartung who was before this committee only last week. I would feel that when we get down to the fine points of all of this, that we have to then weigh the evidence and we have to weigh the testimony of the individual witnesses, the organizations they represent, and if we have your testimony quoting a certain organization that later comes to us when conditions have worsened and not become better, and takes the exactly opposite position, I think it is a point this committee will have to then resolve, in considering the validity of the testimony.

Now on page 21, you talk about the secretary's decision to adjust the boundary of the Grays Harbor Federal Unit to include one more mill. Were there other mills which applied? I am not familiar with the procedure of how these extensions of boundaries take place. Do they apply for the inclusion within such a unit, or did just one mill, the mill that was included, was it the only one that applied or how does this work?

Mr. McCracken. What happened here, Senator Hatfield, is that the Grays Harbor Federal Sustained Yield Unit is one of five such units in the national forest system. It is located in the Aberdeen, Wash. area. The unit was established in 1948 by the Secretary of Agriculture. In the 1950's the Forest Service wrote a policy statement to the effect that they did not intend to establish any more such units, and set up a procedure for reviewing the existing units each 5 years to see whether they should continue them.

It is my understanding that what has happened here is that as part of a routine policy review of this unit, the Forest Service restudied it to see whether it should continue in existence or if it should be modified. In the process the Forest Service has talked, I presume, to many Grays Harbor communities, and the Forest Service has come up with this decision.

I know personally of a mill in a close by community that they have decided not to place in the unit. Why, I do not know. In other words, I do not believe that this particular mill applied in any formal way. I would guess that they certainly talked to the Forest Service though, and their case prevailed.

Senator HATFIELD. Did I understand you to say that you were aware that another mill had indicated an interest to be included?

Mr. McCracken. Yes.

Senator HATFIELD. Do you know, is there a criterion which is published or known as to when and how and under what circumstances they do include additional mills in this type of program?

Mr. McCracken. We do not know of any such criterion, sir.

Senator HATFIELD. Do you know who owns this mill?