

Some of the questions may not be answerable by certain witnesses because they do not fall within their area of expertise. But those questions in the opinion of the committee broadly outline the framework within which the committee is going to work, as it prepares its report and its final recommendations on this subject. I hope that you will see to it, because you have been pretty much, as we have observed, the person that has been assigned to these hearings to keep the industry members informed as to what is taking place and as to the issues that the committee has raised for comment. I hope you will advise your colleagues within the industry that the supplemental statements in answer to their questions can be of tremendous importance by way of helping the committee make its final judgments on this case.

Thank you.

Mr. HAGENSTEIN. I will be very glad to do that.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator MORSE. This will be the last day of the public hearings, except as the Chair announced yesterday as it may be necessary for the committee after January 30 to call certain individuals back for an additional rebuttal. Today is the last scheduled day, subject to that modification.

We are privileged this morning to hear several administration witnesses whom the committee has requested to testify on this problem.

Our first witness really needs no introduction to the committee, or for that matter to the record.

He is the Honorable Edward P. Cliff, Chief of the Forest Service. Associated with him this morning will be Mr. Arthur W. Greeley, Associate Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

Gentlemen, will you come forward.

Always before this chairman you are free to proceed in your own way in making whatever statement you wish to make. Then the committee will ask you questions based upon your testimony as well as on what has transpired in these hearings prior to your appearance this morning.

We are delighted to have you, Mr. Cliff and Mr. Greeley. I do not need to make any statement I am sure as to the high regard in which the chairman and the members of this committee hold each one of you. We have worked with you over the years in trying to carry out what the chairman has referred to many times in these hearings as the trustee relationship that exists between the Forest Service and the BLM and the American taxpayers, and between the American taxpayers and the Congress in seeing to it that our great national forests are administered in a manner that will promote what in the opinion of this chairman is the primary purpose of having a program of national forests. In the chairman's opinion, that is to so administer those forests as to give the greatest assurance to the future generations of Americans that there will always be an adequate supply of timber resources to meet the wood needs of the people of this Nation.

It is with that major premise from which I have acted in my duties as a Senator, and of being of assistance in helping the executive branch of Government, under all administrations, to carry out that trusteeship. To me the fundamental issue of this hearing, and of the whole underlying question, is whether or not the continuation of the present policy of exporting logs to Japan can possibly be squared with that trusteeship.