

I wanted to make that comment, Mr. Cliff. I do not ask for agreement, but if you want to say anything you want to at any time about any of my views, I just want to be counted in complete opposition to this kind of a cut. I want to serve notice on my administration you are never going to get my vote for it. You are never going to get my vote for this kind of a weakening of the domestic economy of this country, because you are weakening the greatest security weapon this country has, a strong economy. That is what keeps us in a strong defensive position, and that is why I gratuitously suggest again, outside of your immediate war needs, with a defense budget of now \$77.2 billion I guess it is, that is where the cuts should come from. That is where all of them should come from, and not one dollar out of the \$20 billion domestic program when the crying need of the country is to increase money to meet our domestic needs.

I will have some other questions later, but I thought it was so important that this country understand that its own property, the national forests, are not in my judgment going to be able to receive, because of this cut, the services that they ought to receive to meet the economic problems, particularly of the states in which the forest lands are located. I want to thank you very much for your honest and forthright answers to my questions. If my respect and admiration for you could increase, and I don't believe it could, your testimony this morning would increase it.

Senator Mansfield, I mean, Senator Hatfield. Well, you may be majority leader some day.

Senator HATFIELD. It is a great compliment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Cliff, as you know, those of us in Oregon have long worked with your agency, and especially the personnel in your agency who are assigned to duties within our region and our State. I want to say that men like Herb Stone, recently retired as regional forester and others have I feel maintained the highest standards of professionalism and are deeply respected by all of us, both within the industry and outside of the industry.

As you well know, many of these men within your agency as well as within the industry and outside the industry have long been concerned about this growing timber problem in the Northwest. In fact, we had witness yesterday who testified to the effect that as early as 1961 there were meetings held in Portland, in which our chairman engaged in conversations and discussions at that time about problems in the industry. I note that you, too, allude, you very definitely refer to the fact that you have been aware, so that it is not a matter of just a local problem that has not become known to the national officers of the Federal Forest Department and others.

My first question to you is how long have you in effect been concerned and wrestling with this problem of Japanese log exports as it relates to the impact on our economy in the Pacific Northwest, as it relates to your forest management programs for the long term and the short term. Just how long have you been involved in this?

Mr. CLIFF. I have been aware of the Japanese exports since the beginning.

Senator HATFIELD. In 1961?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes. I have been concerned in one way or the other about it as it has grown, and I have been increasingly concerned especially during the past 2 years. It has been a somewhat difficult thing to analyze. At first when people started complaining about the impacts