

STATEMENT OF HON. EDWARD P. CLIFF ET AL.—Resumed

Representative WYATT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Cliff, I would like to preface my questions of you by telling you how much I have valued my relationship with the Forest Service, with you personally, with Mr. Greeley, with your staff, and advise you of the high regard that I hold for Mr. Connaughton, the regional forester in Portland.

I may get into some areas here that perhaps might sound critical, I hope not, but I do want some answers to help complete the record in areas that I think will be helpful to the chairman and to the members of the committee.

First of all, I would like to refer to the portion of your statement in passing having to do with your estimates, the estimates of the Forest Service relative to the increase in log exports from the Northwest to Japan.

I believe that your statement indicated that these exports you estimated would be doubled by 1970, is that correct?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, sir, that is correct, if the projections that were made in conversations with the Japanese that we met with are borne out, and nothing intervenes to reverse the trend, it could reach as much as twice what it is this year.

Representative WYATT. Is that twice the 1967 level?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, sir.

Representative WYATT. And the basis for your information, this is really what I wanted for the record, the basis of your information was the Japanese negotiators in the negotiations at the end of 1967?

Mr. CLIFF. That is correct.

Representative WYATT. I was very interested, Mr. Cliff, in your statement relative to the cutback in Forest Service budgeting, and particularly to the \$15 million cut in forest roads and trails. This is something you may not have readily available, but do you have this broken down as to how much of the \$15 million reduction for forest roads and trails is in the State of Oregon and how much in the State of Washington?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, sir. The total for our Region 6, which includes most of Washington, all of Oregon, and a very small area in California is \$2,358,300. For the State of Washington it is \$827,294, and for Oregon \$1,506,606; \$24,400 in that part of California which is in that region. I don't have it by east and west sides.

Representative WYATT. What effect if any will this have upon the allowable cut in Washington and Oregon during the coming year?

Mr. CLIFF. This will not have any immediate effect on the timber cut in either Oregon or Washington this year, because we are applying the deductions on those projects which are not contributing directly to the cut this year, but if this level is continued it could have an effect in the future.

Representative WYATT. In other words, unless this portion of the money is restored, and then the long-range sums budgeted to maintain this rate are also restored, then the long-range effect is going to be to reduce the allowable cut?

Mr. CLIFF. It would not reduce the allowable cut, but it might have an effect on the amount that we could cut under the allowable.