

working out an arrangement for a better mix of products to go to Japan was not made at this next round of meetings, that I would recommend that we use our authority for requiring some degree of primary manufacturing from national forest land timber sales.

Representative DELLENBACK. In that regard let me apologize to the witness and to the chairman for the fact that I did have to leave this morning. The House Education and Labor Committee was having an executive session on some matters before it, and I left for that purpose. Again I apologize if as a result of my not having known exactly all the questions that were asked I move back into some fields that you touched on. If you have fully answered it for the record on any other questions, I don't seek to ask you to do it again.

Just let us know and I will go on from there.

You therefore feel that we can come up with administrative regulations of one sort or another. You have already indicated that you feel you have the legal authority to do it in Agriculture. And if these negotiations don't lead to really meaningful results, you intend to recommend that we take such action unilaterally so far as the U.S. Government is concerned under present law: am I correct in this statement?

Mr. CLIFF. That is what I have testified to, yes, sir.

Representative DELLENBACK. So far as these negotiations with the Japanese are concerned, Mr. Cliff, do I understand that at the December meeting, the negotiators on the part of the Japanese, were limited to an exchange of technical data, that they could not talk in terms of proposed solutions to what we feel is a very serious problem?

Mr. CLIFF. That is the basis upon which the initial meeting was set up. It was an exploratory meeting, yes, sir.

Representative DELLENBACK. So that we may then understand the nature of this meeting or these proposed meetings which are to take place in February in Tokyo, do I understand correctly that they have agreed this time that we will go beyond that point, and we will talk not only technical data, but we will talk in terms of proposed solutions to the present problem?

Mr. CLIFF. That is my general understanding of the purpose of the next meeting, but I suggest that it would be appropriate to have the State Department witness, when he makes his appearance here, comment further on that. The State Department is leading the negotiating team.

Representative DELLENBACK. I intend to do exactly that, Mr. Cliff. I do appreciate your comment in this regard and intend to go forward with that, but at that moment I would also like to get the understanding of the Forest Service, the Department of Agriculture's representatives, on these very same points on which I do intend to question the State Department people later. Do you know whether any decision has been made at this time as to the composition of the American negotiating team?

Mr. CLIFF. I know who the representative from the Department of Agriculture will be. It will be Mr. Greeley. I do not know for sure the composition of the other members of the team.

Representative DELLENBACK. Congressman Wyatt raised a question with you about the value of industry representatives in the December negotiations, and you have indicated that you felt they were valuable,