

year, or the year thereafter, and have some assurance that you would be having additional funds fed to you by the Congress to continue with these programs, would you be able to make immediate moves in the direction of increasing allowable cut as soon as you had the funds appropriated and could start forward with these improved forestry cuts?

Mr. CLIFF. As soon as we got this on the ground we would make those adjustments, yes.

Representative DELLENBACK. You wouldn't be waiting until the trees reached maturity.

Mr. CLIFF. No.

Representative DELLENBACK. As soon as you were able to commence you would be able to increase the allowable cut?

Mr. CLIFF. As soon as we got an area successfully planted we would add it to the base, from the time it is established it adds to the base on which we calculate the allowable cut.

Representative DELLENBACK. I think that we of the Congress have, to a degree, and in certain instances, been derelict in not making this type of sound investment in the future, and I hope that after the study is completed, Mr. Cliff, that you will bring back certainly through administrative channels and to the degree that you could without violating your lines of authority to those of us in the Congress who are deeply concerned about this, your recommendations as to what can be done and what we ought to perhaps be doing in the way of appropriating that would make it possible for you to do this.

Mr. CLIFF. Thank you.

Representative DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Cliff, Mr. Creeley, and Mr. Chairman.

Senator MORSE. Thank you very much, Congressman Dellenback. Congressman Pollock.

Representative POLLOCK. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I would like initially, Mr. Cliff, to compliment you on your excellent testimony and candid answers to the numerous questions which have been propounded to you today. Particularly I appreciate your frank opinion clearly articulated in opposition to the export of unprocessed logs from Alaska, and your reaffirmation of the long-established and obviously successful policy requiring primary processing of timber in Alaska prior to export. I would like to say that I appreciate the difficulty of your position in clearly establishing an opposing position to what I think is an ill-advised and hastily conceived Treasury Department report. I certainly concur with the chairman's statement this morning that the now called staff discussion paper of the Treasury Department seems to have been made in the province of the Department of Agriculture, proposing a policy contrary to your long-established primary processing policy without any known or recognized experts in the field of forestry. This highly unusual procedure seems to me to be an attempt by the Treasury to preempt the field where you have the responsibility and I believe the expertise, and it would appear to me that they lack both.

Your testimony seems to further bolster the opinion of several of us that a prima facie case has been made against shipping round logs to foreign nations. I note in your testimony on page 2 the table which has been presented there, if I read it correctly, in part it would indi-