

Forest Service and BLM logs, whether it would be our U.S. Government agencies or the Japanese.

Now, do you have any present feeling as to who should do this job?

Mr. PETTY. No, sir; I do not. I am aware of the problem. I am aware of the administrative problem involved for our Customs people if they were involved. Beyond that, I have no knowledge.

Representative WYATT. Do you have any discussions with other people on the negotiating team or those who are interested in the negotiations on this exact problem?

Mr. PETTY. I have not personally; no, sir.

Representative WYATT. I think that is all the questions I have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator MORSE. Congressman Dellenback.

Representative DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Looking to some of the specifics of the testimony that has been given by the Forest Service and the BLM, Mr. Petty, or at least given by the Forest Service to date—I assume that part of it, at least, will be corroborated by the BLM at a later date—on these issues which are forestry in nature. Now that you have had a chance perhaps to have further interagency discussions and had a chance to listen to some of the testimony that has been given by Forest Service people, do you take issue with them on the basis of the facts on such things as the allowable cut, status of research in logging, and the like?

Mr. PETTY. No, sir; I do not take issue with those.

Representative DELLENBACK. Let me make just one background statement, so far as I am myself concerned, against this point of the Treasury's suggestion and Forest Service reaction or anybody else's, whether it is State or Commerce or Labor or anybody else. I do not think that there is a departmentalization of knowledge in the Government any more than there is in individuals so that there is anything secret about the field of operations in one branch of Government that no other branch of Government should at least have thoughts about. Nor in this area is there just one Member of Congress. I say that I think these problems both interrelate and involve different degrees, perhaps, of knowledge, or perhaps different items of knowledge.

So to bring to bear initial original thinking from other departments than those charged with the basic responsibility, to my mind, is not only not bad, but is positively desirable under certain instances, so long as it is handled in the procedure that is proper and so long as when it comes to the showdown on facts which may differ, we get to the true, hard facts. Whoever has the greater knowledge really can bring that to bear and the other one does not contend that the alleged facts are incompetent. It is with this sort of general background, you see, that I raise my questions with you; not, frankly, to jump on you for having done creative thinking in this regard at all.

Those of us who have studied law are fully aware of the phrase that is used in law school about law being a seamless web, that you just can't separate one field from another and you study it as if it were compartmentalized, but as you get along, you find how those areas are woven together.

So it is, frankly, here. I do not think the problem of log exports can be divorced from the problem of balance of trade or the whole trade policy with the Japanese and on and on. This is why I am delighted to