

Now, let me ask you this question : When did you give this consideration to the possibility of that part of the Control Act? You say on several occasions. My questions is what were these occasions? When were they?

Mr. NEHMER. Yes, sir.

I believe these occurred in 1964, again in 1965, and again in 1966. There was another very quick review made of the situation a few months ago as well.

Senator HATFIELD. Now, Mr. Nehmer, according to your description of this act, there are certain criteria. In the criteria, there are three parts. All three of them indicate some kind of analysis must be made in order to satisfy the criteria. Did you make an analysis on the log problem in each and every individual case on these several occasions that you made this review, and is that analysis available, and what was included in that analysis?

Mr. NEHMER. Senator, in 1964, a task force on softwood log exports was established by the then Secretary of Commerce Hodges. This task force consisted essentially of the agencies which today are concerned with this problem. One of the questions which they considered was the question of the feasibility and advisability of the use of the export control authority in relation to the criteria of the act. The results of their cogitations and analysis on this have been transmitted to the Congress. There is a letter of December 9, 1965, to Senator Magnuson from the Secretary of Commerce and one on August 8, 1966, also to Senator Magnuson from the Secretary of Commerce. These two probably represent the most extensive statements concerning application of the Export Control Act, Senator, to this situation. I can make those available for the record if you wish.

Senator MORSE. They will be received for the record.
(The material referred to follows:)

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C., December 9, 1965.

Hon. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
*U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MAGNUSON: The Task Force on Softwood Log Exports, established by Secretary Hodges in response to the suggestion contained in your letter of July 20, 1964, has reported its findings to me. In addition to the Department of Commerce, the Departments of State, Agriculture, Interior and Labor, and the Small Business Administration were represented on the task force.

Soon after the task force began its review, it became evident that a fair appraisal of the softwood log situation required a study wider in scope than the subject of negotiations with Japan originally suggested in your letter. Accordingly, an examination and evaluation was made of the voluminous available material related to the export of softwood logs. The relatively lengthy period devoted to the study was occasioned by the careful consideration given by the task force to all aspects of the problem, an approach dictated by the concern with which the participating Departments view the problems confronting the sawmills in the Pacific Northwest.

The task force reviewed the factors involved in the softwood log export situation in order to determine whether remedial action by the Federal Government is indicated. It concluded that careful consideration of the many factors involved in the present softwood log and lumber situation in the Pacific Northwest suggests that action by the Federal Government aimed at restricting the export of softwood logs is not warranted. Instead, a positive program is indicated, including increasing the log supply in the Pacific Northwest through intensified management, permitting the export of logs from noncoastal areas of Alaska, increased use of the Small Business Administration log set-aside sales program, upon request,