

D. Yellow Cedar sawn in Japan:

Yen 70,000 (\$194.44),

Grade: "clear"

Remarks: Standard sizes: 26 CM. X 4.5 CM. X 4 Meters or 3 Meters.

2. Retail price per sheet on a cash basis quoted by a leading Tokyo plywood dealer on Douglas Fir Plywood: $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 4' X 8' used primarily for concrete forming imported from Canada or the U.S., Grade "CC": Yen 1,500-1,600 (\$4.17-4.44)

Remarks: This price is equivalent to domestic-made BB Grade lauan plywood of same dimensions.

3. Retail price per 1,000 square feet supplied by the Tokyo office of the Weyerhaeuser Company on $\frac{1}{2}$ " thickness Douglas Fir plywood, "CD" grade, sold primarily to contractors for concrete forms:

A. Imported from Canada, \$119.50 Standard sizes available 2' X 6'; 2' X 4'; 3' X 6'; and 4' X 6'.

B. Imported from the United States, \$113.90 Standard size available 4' X 8'.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.
Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. MACOMBER, JR.,

Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

(At the request of the subcommittee, the National Forest Products Association endeavored to restate the data in the foregoing letter in terms of dollars per board foot, and to show comparable prices in the United States. The table prepared by the association follows:)

Item	Japanese retail price per cubic meter (quoted by Tokyo retailer)	Japanese retail price in thousand board feet	Approximate American retail price on comparable item (thousand board feet)
Hemlock sawn in Japan:			
Top grade, Clear 4 sides.....	\$100.00	\$236.00	\$140
Medium grade, 1st class with a few small knots each side.....	86.11	203.00	125
Lowest grade, 2d class.....	55.56	131.16	90
Hemlock sawn in Canada:			
Clear grade.....	77.78	183.56	125
Not clear grade.....	63.89	150.00	
Spruce sawn in Alaska: Grade, Clear.....	166.67	393.34	
Yellow-cedar sawn in Japan: Grade, Clear.....	194.44	458.87	

Senator MORSE. Before I call on Mr. Rasmussen, I want to insert in the record a statement that has been filed by Mr. Robert C. Moot, Administrator, Small Business Administration, setting forth the Small Business Administration's views on the timber supply situation.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Moot follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT C. MOOT, ADMINISTRATOR, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION VIEWS ON THE TIMBER SUPPLY SITUATION

Mr. Chairman and Subcommittee members, I consider it a privilege to submit for the record the views of the Small Business Administration concerning the present timber supply problems in the Northwest. My comments will be directed primarily to the timber situation on the west side of the Cascade Mountains where the apparent shortage of marketable timber is a matter of serious concern to many small business enterprises in the forest products industry. In addition, I will be discussing the problem as it applies to sawmills and plywood plants rather than logging activities, since it is our belief that the loggers appear to be getting along reasonably well in these two states.

Since 1958, the Small Business Administration has been working closely with Federal agencies that sell Federal timber in order to assure small business a fair share of all Federal timber sold throughout the United States. In 1958, Mr. Chair-