

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Nothing.

Senator MORSE. When he gets through buying the logs, nothing stops him from exporting them, if he wants to export them?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Nothing.

(Mr. Rasmussen subsequently supplemented his testimony on the foregoing point, as follows:)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,
Washington, D.C., January 30, 1968.

Hon. WAYNE MORSE,

Chairman, Subcommittee on Retailing, Marketing, and Distribution, Select Committee on Small Business, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR MORSE: At the January 23 Select Committee on Small Business hearing, you asked that we provide for the record the percentage of logs exported from Bureau of Land Management lands for the years 1961 to 1967 inclusive.

Bureau of Land Management sales are offered for bids on a lump sum basis. Each sale consists of various tree species and log grades. When logs are removed from the contract area, they become private property and the purchaser handles them in the same manner as he would for any other property. Exchange and sale of logs are common and all logs including those obtained from BLM sales, quickly lose their identity as to source.

We have not asked that records be made as to the final destination of BLM logs, nor has the purchaser felt that such information necessary for his purposes. Nevertheless, a telephone survey was recently made by our field office for 1966 and 1967. This covered 21 purchasers in the 5 western Oregon districts. Our testimony shows the results of that survey. However, we have no confidence this brief look at export practices reflects the actual situation.

While we recontacted the field on January 24, we were unable to secure additional information which would be helpful in responding to your request.

Sincerely yours,

BOYD L. RASMUSSEN,
Director.

Senator MORSE. Mr. Rasmussen, were you or anyone at the policy level of the BLM, consulted during the preparation of the Treasury staff report that has been made a part of this record?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. No, sir.

Senator MORSE. When did you receive a copy of that report?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. We received a copy of the report on Saturday morning, January 13. We have never officially received a copy.

Senator MORSE. You mean the Treasury has never officially delivered to you a copy of the report?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Never. As far as I know the Secretary has not received a copy officially.

Senator MORSE. From whom did you get your report?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. One of our forestry staff people got it from the forest staff people in the Forest Service.

Senator MORSE. And BLM got its copy from the Forest Service?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes, sir.

Senator MORSE. Remarkable, You have read the report?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes, sir.

Senator MORSE. Do you find yourself in disagreement with the forestry recommendations, of any part of it?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes, sir.

Senator MORSE. How much of it, if not all of it?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Well, there are some parts in it that I have in my paper here on how one might increase allowable cuts.

I also very carefully placed in the record how we develop our allowable cuts, and the time and care that goes into their preparation. I do