

days, but they can travel extensively for that \$99 or as far as they can go for \$99 and 30 days.

Similarly, just within the past several, well, weeks really now since the formation of the task force on travel I am definitely under the impression that the hotel industry and the motel industry are going to effect reductions for overseas visitors, and Jim Gross just recently caused a check to be made among the major attractions of this country as to whether or not they would reduce their rates to bona fide overseas visitors and the preliminary results of that survey are very encouraging, up to 50 percent reductions in some cases on the major attractions in the United States.

Mr. ULLMAN. I think this is very important. I am most hopeful that you are successful in establishment of that kind of a policy in our hotel industry.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS. Following this colloquy and also referring to your testimony, particularly on page 6 where you state:

We recognize that the business of increasing travel to the United States is not one that can be developed overnight.

One would almost believe that the United States isn't the biggest host country in the world today. I am correct in that statement, am I not. The United States is the biggest host country.

Mr. ARATA. To my undersanding that is correct.

Mr. CURTIS. Then we need to say it, don't we?

Mr. ARATA. That is correct, sir.

Mr. CURTIS. What about the statistics? This is what I would like to know. Haven't we been increasing our role as host in a very substantial way from, say, 1946 to the present?

Mr. ARATA. Yes, sir.

Mr. CURTIS. Do you have the statistics?

Mr. ARATA. I don't know what they are in the past, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS. I would like to have them for the record because your testimony to date has not shown this. I will read your sentence again:

We recognize that the business of increasing travel to the United States is not one that can be developed overnight.

I am saying that it has been developing, and of course I am very anxious to have it continue to develop, possibly faster, but in order to do this let's get a clear idea of what's been happening and put our plans in context.

Mr. ARATA. Our comment on that, Mr. Curtis, is the fact that, sure, we recognize that through efforts like USTS—

Mr. CURTIS. No, not through efforts like that. I am going to get to that. This business of coming to the Government to spend the money is just too easy. I am more interested in what has been going on without the Government. I am not at all sure that coming to the Government hasn't fouled you up.

So let's talk about that. That is the easy way. I am more interested in what is being done and has been done to date apart from Government. But to understand it we have to get the statistics.

Mr. ARATA. There are statistics that I can give you only for the year 1967 and it is my best recollection there were about 11½ million visitors who came from overseas to the United States in 1967.