

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you so much for your statement and for your contribution to the committee. Are there questions? Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS. Just a comment. I just want to commend you highly for this kind of presentation and data and information that you have given to the committee. There is not a thing in here that I have read and listened to that I don't agree with thoroughly. I wish and I hope maybe some of these organizations that are putting together package tours in the United States will get hold of your booklet and try to encourage teachers in Europe to do what you have done.

I just agree with the way you point up the essentiality of this and the value of travel. I will ask you a question.

Are there any of these kinds of tours being conducted in the United States by foreign teachers comparable to what your group has done concerning American teachers going abroad?

Mr. MEGEL. Not that I know of, nor has there been a compilation made if there were. So I don't know of any.

Mr. CURTIS. Such data ought to give some suggestions to these people who have been testifying before our committee in regard to working out package tours in the United States itself. Such data would be very good.

Thank you.

Mr. MEGEL. Thank you very much.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you. Thank you very much for your statement.

Mr. MEGEL. Thank you.

Mr. HERLONG. The next witness is Prof. Emmet V. Mittlebeeler. Professor Mittlebeeler, we appreciate your appearance before the committee and ask you to identify yourself and the gentleman with whom you are associated with for the record.

STATEMENT OF PROF. EMMET V. MITTLEBEELER, ASSOCIATION FOR ACADEMIC TRAVEL ABROAD, INC.; ACCOMPANIED BY LEO R. WOLLEMBORG, ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR

Mr. MITTLEBEELER. Yes. My name is Emmet V. Mittlebeeler, professor of government and public administration at the American University, Washington, D.C., and I am speaking for the Association of Academic Travel Abroad, Inc., of New York City, as well as for myself. My colleague is Mr. Leo R. Wollemborg, who is assistant to the director of the association.

Now in its 19th year, the association is one of the oldest nonprofit American educational travel associations, and is engaged both in presenting its own study tours and in arranging tours for academic institutions. Under auspices of the American University I have directed eight study tours of government and politics to Europe, both Eastern and Western, since 1957.

We are opposed to restrictions on travel generally, for reasons which other witnesses have presented: restrictions may lead to retaliation, so that the policy of attracting foreigners here, reflected in establishment of the U.S. Travel Service several years ago, will be frustrated; they will reduce only a small part of the deficit and will cause more trouble than they avert; they are a violation of the time-honored prin-