

a list of available items through the warehouses and each store manager or in the case of the meat department, the meat department head would decide what he wanted to merchandise. If we have sufficient demand for anything on that list, he gets it.

Mr. BARASH. The question, specifically, is this: On those items, such as chitterlings, pig ears, pig feet, pork kidney, pork neckbones, tripe, pork lips, pigtails, fatback, on those items which are not carried throughout the chain, but are limited, so far as I am aware, exclusively to certain areas, would you furnish us with the retail prices of those items where you do carry them?

Mr. VAN LENTEN. Yes.

(The information was furnished, as follows:)

<i>Items</i>	<i>Retail</i>	<i>Items</i>	<i>Retail</i>
Fresh produce:		Meats and meat products—continued	
Collard greens-----	0.19	Pork kidney-----	0.39
Kale-----	0.29	Pork neck bones-----	0.29
Mustard greens-----	0.19	Snouts-----	0.39
Turnip greens-----	0.19	Tripe-----	0.39
Meats and meat products:		Brains (frozen)-----	0.49
Chitterlings-----	0.45	Pork maws-----	0.29
Pork skin-----	0.33	Pig tails-----	0.25
Pig ears-----	0.39	Salt bellies, light-----	0.59
Pig feet (forefeet)-----	0.29	Fat back, thick-----	0.35
Pork liver-----	0.45	Beef liver-----	0.49

Melts, pork lips, souse, joints, 5-7# spareribs, salt bellies, heavy and fat back, thin are not sold in this area.

Mr. BARASH. I might say for the record, Mr. Chairman, at this point, that we have done some pricing of our own, not in A. & P. stores I would like to make clear at this point, and have found that whereas the average margin in the meat department of the average supermarket is 22.1 percent, according to the National Commission on Food Marketing study published in June of 1966, the average margin on the kinds of items that I have just enumerated are approximately 60.1 percent, and we will be very interested in seeing whether the prices you furnish us correspond to some of the findings that we have made in other stores.

Mr. McINERNEY. Just for completeness, that doesn't pertain to A. & P. as far as you know?

Mr. BARASH. I think I made that clear.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Did you resolve any of the factual discrepancies between yourselves and Mrs. Aponte's survey findings during the lunch hour?

Mr. McINERNEY. We weren't able to get a complete fiscal inventory of what Mrs. Aponte's group bought and I think during the noon hour she wanted to use those graphs for some other purpose having to do with another witness to appear before us.

Mrs. APONTE. I would like to mention that the items we brought here were the items we bought, generally speaking. They don't correspond at all to the A. & P. supermarket. We didn't come here prepared. We came here with an example of the items that we bought in the different five chainstores in Bedford-Stuyvesant on the 14th and on the—in Flatbush on both days. In other words, 20 items on the 14th in Flatbush and Bedford-Stuyvesant, the same 20 items on the 16th in Flatbush and Bedford-Stuyvesant.