

Digital computers, office equipment, air conditioners, scales and measuring equipment, civil engineering and construction equipment, agricultural equipment, communications apparatus and radio equipment, electric wire and insulating cable, aircraft, thermal electric generating equipment, pumps, blowers, and air compressors, printing and bookbinding machines, machine tools.

They are pretty broad categories. Machine tools covers quite an area.

Ambassador ROTH. Could I also, for the record, Congressman, broaden the question on automobiles?

Mr. BYRNES. Certainly. I want all the information we can get, because I think we need it.

Ambassador ROTH. I agree. This is terribly important.

Certainly where you have a situation, as you do in automobiles, where you have a rapid increase of imports from a particular country, which happened last year in the case of Japan, we feel it is absolutely essential that our industry has a chance to compete in that market.

This is why, if need be, we will go to article 23 in the GATT on the illegal import restrictions on automobile parts and engines.

But the problem goes beyond that. The Japanese have, as the Europeans have, a road tax which we feel is discriminatory. They argue it is not. They also have, as you know, restrictions against American investment in many sectors of their economy, and this includes the automobile industry.

Certainly our industry is very anxious to export to this market. They feel they also ought to be able to invest in it.

I would like to put this on the record, because I think this is the kind of problem that we have to key into rather strongly.

Mr. BYRNES. That is what you said you would do in 1962, in the Trade Expansion Act.

The committee put in a lot of time during the discussions we had in 1962. You remember the concern we all had, that this was being ignored, that getting rid of these nontariff restrictions required greater attention.

That is why I want to find out what the situation is now.

I think it would be helpful to have the information on a country-by-country basis for those countries that are members of the GATT. We don't have to worry at this point about the ones that aren't. (See p. 609.)

I would like to know in each of these countries the actions they have taken that you believe are questionable under GATT. Apparently there is no use in asking you whether it is illegal because you wouldn't know that.

There have been some actions that are contrary to GATT, but they have been waived. I would like that information filed on a country-by-country basis.

I don't want to pick out any country, as I am not anti-Japan or anti-British, or anything else. But I want to find out what they are doing.

And then list the other restrictions on trade practiced by those countries that affect our potential exports to that country or other countries' exports to them.

I assume there are some restrictions that GATT does not cover. Does GATT cover the special weight tax that is applied on automobiles in