

Trade between friendly nations cannot be a one-way street and if we reduce the ability of our friends and allies to sell to us, it follows that we correspondingly reduce their ability to buy from us.

The CHAIRMAN. You have completed your statement?

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes, I have.

Thank you, sir.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. I have a question.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Schneebeli.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Fletcher, what percentage of our imports come from Mexico and Canada? You are implying that they are major suppliers?

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes, they are quite major suppliers.

In the case of lead and zinc, they are different. I don't remember the figures.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Could you supply them for the record?

Mr. FLETCHER. I would be glad to supply them for the record.

I would guess that in each case they must be between 10 and 20 percent apiece.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. But combined, they are not as much as 50?

Mr. FLETCHER. In the case of zinc, they may be.

Canada and Mexico together certainly will supply 50, I think possibly more, of our total zinc imports.

In lead, I don't remember the numbers in my head. I will be glad to supply them. (See pp. 2319 and 2320.)

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Do most of the rest of the imports come from the Western Hemisphere?

Mr. FLETCHER. The four main suppliers are Canada, Mexico, Peru, and Australia.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is some material on that.

In 1967, just using 1 year, the amount from Canada was 277,847 short tons.

Does that sound about right?

Mr. FLETCHER. It could be. It depends, Mr. Mills, whether you are putting ores and concentrates together with metal. We import in both forms.

The CHAIRMAN. This is zinc ore, and zinc-bearing materials.

Mr. FLETCHER. Not just zinc metal, itself.

I don't remember, I am afraid.

The CHAIRMAN. That would presumably be the total of zinc. It probably would include zinc oxides.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. He said he would supply it for the record.

The CHAIRMAN. On the same basis, in 1967, Mexico supposedly shipped about 105,279 short tons; Peru, about 45,274.

This shows a total of 457,430 short tons from all countries in 1967. Is that about right? This shows a total.

Mr. FLETCHER. 457,000?

The CHAIRMAN. 457,430 short tons.

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes, I would say that sounds about right, to me. It might well be in the range of 400,000 to 500,000 tons, I would think.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. The reason for my question is obvious, because I think it has a bearing on the strategic stockpile, and thereby accessibility to the raw material, and secondly, the reason for my question is, if we get into any further difficulty internationally, whether any of our