

TABLE 6.—U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MAJOR TEXTILE FIBER MANUFACTURES FROM JAPAN, 1965-67
[Millions of equivalent square yards]

	Cotton	Wool ¹	Manmade fiber	Total
1965.....	404.2	55.1	301.0	760.3
1966.....	412.0	58.2	445.0	915.2
1967.....	376.7	54.2	352.1	783.0
Change 1965 to 1967:				
Quantity.....	-27.5	-.9	+51.1	+22.7
Percent.....	-6.8	-1.6	+17.0	+3.0
Change, 1966 to 1967:				
Quantity.....	-35.3	-4.0	-92.9	-132.2
Percent.....	-8.6	-6.9	-20.9	-14.4

¹ Excludes floor coverings.

Source: United States Department of Commerce.

TABLE 7.—U.S. IMPORTS OF MANMADE FIBER MANUFACTURES FROM JAPAN, JANUARY-APRIL 1966, 1967, AND 1968
[Thousands of equivalent square yards]

	January through April			Percent change	
	1966	1967	1968	1966 to 1968	1967 to 1968
Yarn.....	4,383	6,531	8,687	+98.2	+33.0
Fabric.....	86,071	66,921	66,619	-22.6	-0.5
Apparel.....	28,667	42,427	35,249	+23.0	-16.9
Floor covering and miscellaneous.....	11,847	9,755	8,756	-26.1	-10.2
Total.....	130,868	125,635	119,311	-8.8	-5.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., June 18, 1968.

HON. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Department of State has received from the Australian Embassy a statement of the views of Australian wool tops exporters as they relate to the current public hearings before the Committee on Ways and Means on tariff and trade proposals. The Embassy has requested that the statement be transmitted to the Committee for its consideration for possible inclusion in the record of the hearings.

I am, therefore, pleased to forward three copies of the enclosed statement for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. TORBERT, Jr.,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

Enclosure.

STATEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOOL TOPS EXPORTERS

We, the major Australian exporters of wool tops to the United States, wish to express our deep concern at the possibility of any changes which might restrict the free imports of Australian wool tops into the United States of America.

We contend that a wool top is not a "textile article" but is essentially the raw material of the worsted spinning section of the wool textile industry.

Wool tops are merely raw wool, cleansed of all impurities such as vegetable matter, dirt, grease and undesirable short fibres, presented in a form or package suitable for spinning into worsted yarns. Comparable raw materials for other sections of the textile industry are scoured wool for woollen spinning and ginned cotton for cotton spinning, where in both cases the raw fibre is cleansed of impurities in the same way as a wool top.