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In the case of meat pies processed by Ocoma Foods Company, the relative costs are as follows:

COMMERCIAL GRADE BEEF

Domestic	-----	<i>Per pound</i>
Imported	-----	\$1.05
		.58

This results in a difference in the finished product of \$.35 per dozen pies between domestic and imported beef.

It is submitted that the increased cost resulting to the food processors by restricting the importation of beef from foreign markets will result in a higher cost of the finished product to the consumer at a time when prices are a major problem to the American consumer. We suggest that this restriction upon the importation of beef will result in further price escalation, thus increasing the inflationary difficulties under which our Country is presently struggling.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. WENDT,
Vice-President, Production.

The CHAIRMAN. We turn now to the subject matter of aluminum. Mr. Mitchell, if you will identify yourself for us and those at the table with you, we will be glad to recognize you, sir.

**STATEMENT OF JOHN M. MITCHELL, ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION;
ACCOMPANIED BY MONROE LEIGH, COUNSEL, INTERNATIONAL
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. MITCHELL. Thank you. Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee, my name is John M. Mitchell. I am executive vice president of the Aluminum Co. of America. I appear here today on behalf of the Aluminum Association. Mr. Chairman, I may note in passing that I had the privilege of serving under Presidential appointment as a member of the Public Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations during the Kennedy round.

I have with me today Mr. Monroe Leigh, counsel, International Policy Committee of the Aluminum Association. I introduce him.

The CHAIRMAN. Glad to have both of you with us; and, Mr. Mitchell, if you have to omit any part of your prepared statement in order to comply with the time limit, do so with the knowledge that the entire statement will appear in the record.

Mr. MITCHELL. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are recognized, sir.

Mr. MITCHELL. The Aluminum Association, Mr. Chairman, is grateful to the Committee on Ways and Means for this opportunity to present its views on aspects of U.S. foreign trade policy. There are 77 members of the Aluminum Association. One member of the association takes exception to parts of this statement and accordingly has filed a separate statement and is presenting his own oral testimony to your committee.

The major differences between the association and this member company grew out of a bilateral trade proposal which this company made during the testimony before the Trade Information Committee on April 8, 1968.

The objections to that proposal are contained in the statement issued May 20, 1968, by the association's foreign trade committee which is the