

Perhaps an analogy to other industries would help you understand this point. The steel industry is commonly understood to consist of those establishments engaged in making basic steel mill products. No one suggests that it can be studied only by sweeping into the data every type of article made in this country which contains steel. Automobiles, for example, are not included in the statistics of the steel industry. Nor should computers or missile guidance systems be included in the data of the electronic industries whose problems we are asking you to consider in these hearings.

So much for terminology. Before summarizing the pertinent facts concerning the import problem in consumer electronic products and the types of electronic components used in such products, I wish to clear up another possible matter of confusion. I speak only for the Parts Division of the Electronic Industries Association, which represents components manufacturers, the Distributor Products Division of EIA which represents American manufacturers of components and equipment sold through electronic parts distributors, and the American Loudspeaker Manufacturers Association which represents domestic manufacturers of loudspeakers and their suppliers.

The position we advocate is opposed by the Consumer Products Division of the Electronic Industries Association, which represents importers and some manufacturers of products such as radios, televisions, tape recorders, and phonographs. That Division's position is based on the vote of companies which account for less than a majority of the U. S. production of such products, and is heavily weighted by companies