Mr. CAMERO. I am not an expert on that. I will ask my attorney to answer. It was the Commonwealth Co. that was involved in sending to California. If the Congressman would like I will pass the question to my attorney Mr. Rigby.

Mr. UTT. It was what company?

Mr. RIGBY. Commonwealth Oil Refining Co. gasoline to the west coast to district V. I don't know their motives.

Mr. UTT. Did they also have a tax concession?

Mr. RIGBY. Commonwealth Oil does have a Commonwealth Government tax concession, that is correct.

Mr. CAMERO. Let me add something.

I should say that Commonwealth had because their area was 12 years and it is over, sir. They are paying taxes now.

Mr. UTT. The thing that I am questioning is the use of a tax concession to send a refined product into the continental United States which was used for the purpose of breaking the price of gasoline.

Mr. CAMERO. I don't know what their motive was for sending it to the United States, sir.

Mr. UTT. I think that is something that we ought to know and that there should be a supplemental statement on that.

Are you still sending refined products back into the United States from Puerto Rico?

Mr. CAMERO. Oh, yes, sir. There is a certain amount being sent back to the United States.

Mr. UTT. How much?

Mr. CAMERO. Within this 12.2. I think it runs less than 5 percent. It's approximately 50,000 barrels a day which is about 5 percent.

Mr. UTT. I know if I were a domestic refiner I would be a little unhappy with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico sending subsidized merchandise into the United States in order to compete with the other companies.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HERLONG. Are there any further questions?

If not, thank you so very much for your appearance before the committee. We appreciate your cooperation and your contribution.

Mr. CAMERO. Thank you for this honor.

(The following telegrams, letters, and statements were received, for the record, by the committee:)

July 8, 1968.

Congressman WILBUR MILLS,
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.:

Let me urge favorable consideration of bills limiting import of oil and especially those which will set 12.2 percent ration into law. I am convinced that we must provide adequate assurances of domestic oil for national security and this can only be accomplished under a stabilizing program as offered under the present bills before your committee. Our country must in order to prepare for the future know the quantity and location of its oil reserves. Without this knowledge, our position is weak and our potentialities are unknown. The oil industry needs this law in order to fully serve our Nation.

Sincerely,

ALBERT P. BREWER, *Governor.*