

STATEMENT OF ROBERT C. BARNARD, COUNSEL

Mr. BARNARD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Robert C. Barnard. I am appearing today as counsel for SOCMA and also as counsel for the Dry Color Manufacturers Association, an association of 23 manufacturers of dry colors used in plastics, inks, rubber, linoleum, paints, and so forth. With the committee's permission I would like to submit a list of members for the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the membership list will appear at the end of Mr. Barnard's prepared statement.

Mr. BARNARD. Also in the interest of consolidating statements as the committee has requested my statement will be on behalf of both associations.

At the outset the Chairman was kind enough to say that we could submit our statements for the record and summarize. I should like to take advantage of that opportunity also, with the Chairman's permission, and ask that the whole statement be put into the record and that I be permitted to summarize.

The CHAIRMAN. You may do so, and your prepared statement will appear immediately following your oral statement.

Mr. BARNARD. At the outset of these hearings, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee noted that there were startling differences in the valuation of import problems with respect to particular products as between the Government and as between particular industry representatives.

Indeed, this was referred to as the credibility gap. I would like to suggest, sir; that the differences in valuation, the credibility gap, may be as great or greater in the area of the "separate" package as in any other area, and at the beginning of my statement I would like to refer to a statement by the Government witnesses in the course of their testimony.

You will recall the statement that I am referring to, which appears on page 21 of my copy of their statement, that the Government made a great deal of the competitive strength of the U.S. chemical industry and how its position in international trade is improving and growing.

Indeed, they said that between 1961 and 1967 our exports increased at an annual rate of 7.7 percent while imports in the same period increased at an annual rate of only 4.7 percent, just about half.

This statement was supported by a table, table No. 9, that was submitted by the Government. We have taken a portion of that table, since it is so important in this matter, a portion of table 9. It appears opposite page 4 of our statement, sir.

(The table referred to follows:)