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Officials of the United States and Canadian Governments today concluded two days of discussions at Ottawa, on the present and future problems confronting the North American softwood lumber industries. They examined the position with respect to forest resources, growth rates, employment and markets. They also examined other factors currently affecting the respective industries in the two countries and the outlook for the future including a detailed discussion of the trade in lumber between the United States and Canada, imports into the United States and the problems of the United States' softwood industry. During the consideration of the position of the softwood lumber industry in the United States, the United States officials drew attention to the programme announced on July 26 by President Kennedy.

It was agreed that both countries have a mutual interest in a satisfactory resolution of problems facing the North American softwood lumber industries. It was further agreed that discussions will be resumed in the near future. In the meantime, the Delegations will be reporting back to their respective Governments and consulting with their industries.