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I went to talk to Will about what happened since Maine trip.

On potatoes, Brady won't go to Presque Isle and Bill has not been back yet. They are in process of getting (through Dan DeKeifer counsel to Trade Representative) a survey of potato industry a "332 study." President has to approve I think.

On timber nothing will be done soon except to attach a NE timber survey on to the NW timber survey.

On clothespines, that will go to Council on Trade Policy which is a complex process and then to White House. Cohen will fight for it with Brook and White House. ITC vote is 5-0. But the decision is political. Trade policy people have lot of problems with Canada - from timber to autos to fish. He thinks that's a good case on economic and political merits.

On fishing "We have done nothing. We have stalled out on it. We just don't have the resources to do anything now." He wants to do three things. (1) pursue voluntary marketing agreements - talking to America and Canadian economists to see what can be negotiated informally. Problem is erratic marketing by Canada and hence inability of American fishermen to plan. He wants to smooth out the flow of Canadian fish. (2) Study just what subsidies the Canadians do provide. (3) Use that information to get our government to help. i.e., rebuild the frozen fish industry.

He thinks Bill has a big commitment to Maine industry and that this is one of the ways he shows it.

Will thinks he'll be working 1/2 time on fishing and 1/2 time on indian problems, mostly resource and fishing rights of the tribes.

"They hired me to prepare the hearings. Then they saw I could write a declarative sentence. And they knew I knew fishing. I know it on both sides of the border. I went to school in Maine and in Halifax. And I studied natural resources in the Northwest, too."