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November 10, 1972

Mr. W. E. Cresswell, Administrative Assistant  
Senator John Stennis  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

RE: S. 3105

Dear Eph:

Thanks for yours of November 7 enclosing copy of the above bill.

I would appreciate it if you would define for me the term "small non-industrial private forest lands". Sec. 2 (b), of course, describes the maximum ownership and line 24 of that section uses the term "but does not include private corporations manufacturing products or providing public utility services...."

I might describe my situation to make it easier for you to understand just what I am talking about.

I personally own considerable acreage of timber growing land and so does American Sand & Gravel Company of which I am the sole owner. Of course the principal purpose of the corporation is the production of sand and gravel for construction and industrial use. If the term "private corporation manufacturing products" refers to the conversion of timber to a consumer product, then I have no problem and I am sure that in some cases the bill would be helpful to us. Total land owned by me individually and by the corporation does not presently amount to as much as 5000 acres but eventually it probably will. We are still buying land and preferably land which does not presently have a proper stand of timber. We then follow up by planting, proper management, etc, to develop the property.

Do you think it was the purpose of the author of the bill to exclude a corporation such as this from receiving any benefits under the act?

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
J. D. Lewis

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 27, 1972

Mr. J. D. Lewis, President  
American Sand and Gravel Company  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear J. D. :

Thank you for your letter of November 10, concerning the Forestry Incentives Act.

As you know, this bill passed the Senate in the last session, but was not reported from committee in the House. It will be necessary to start again in the next Congress, incorporating such changes in the proposed legislation as may be required to provide a bill that will meet the House objectives.

In S. 3105, as passed by the Senate, corporate holdings would not have been eligible for participation in the program, but individual holdings not in excess of 5,000 acres could participate.

Amendments suggested in the House included limiting participation to owners of not more than 500 acres, and requiring an agreement with each owner to protect the government's interest in cost sharing.

It is difficult to predict at this time all of the changes that may be made in the proposed legislation in the coming Congress, as new hearings on the subject probably will be held in both the House and Senate, but no doubt the above proposals, as well as others, will have to be addressed in order to obtain an acceptable bill.

I hope the above information will serve your purposes.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM E. CRESSWELL  
Administrative Assistant to  
Senator Stennis

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