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I am very hopeful that the Textile Study Subcommittee will arrive at some specific recommendations which will be instrumental in writing legislation to breathe new life into the declining American textile industry.

The committee has made a good start. Much valuable information was developed during the hearings held in Washington during July. I intend to attend all of the field hearings, both in New England and in the South, and to participate fully in the work of the sub-committee.

The industry has lost 345,000 jobs and 717 mills since the end of World War II, and it is continuing to suffer, out of proportion to other industries, from the impact of competition from low-wage foreign countries. It is imperative that Congress take effective steps to help prevent the collapse of the industry.

The problems of the textile industry are complex. Finding solutions to these problems is a challenging task, not only for the subcommittee members, but also for every responsible leader in government and in the industry.

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