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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 27, 1976

*Imports - Exports
(Footwear)*

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

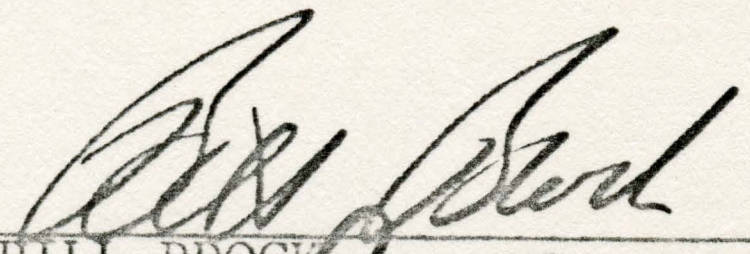
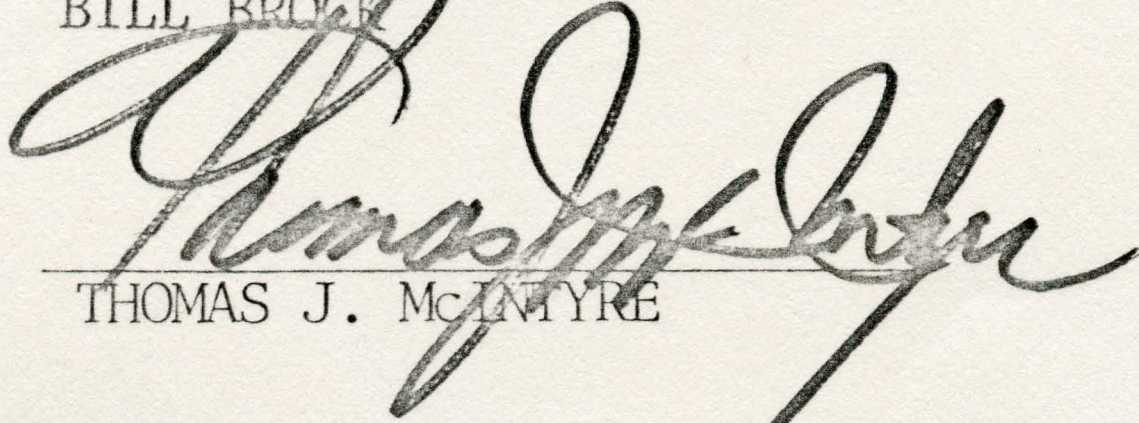
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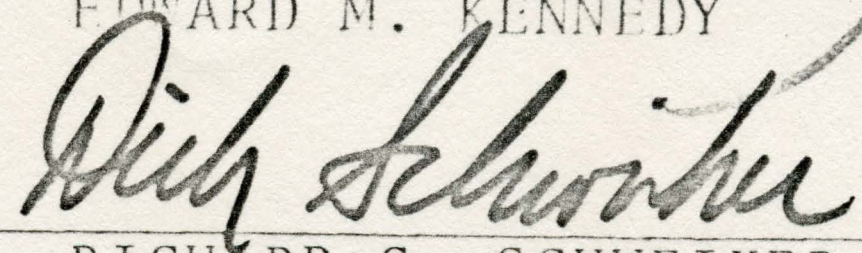
We have all reviewed the determination of the International Trade Commission in the Escape Clause case on non-rubber footwear. The unanimous finding of the Commission that the domestic non-rubber footwear industry is being seriously injured by imports supports the position which the domestic industry and the Congress have taken over the years. We are pleased that this position has been fully upheld by the Commission.

The matter is now before you for action. Certainly, if this industry is to survive and if lost jobs are to be restored, it is essential that prompt and effective action be taken by you to implement a remedy which will limit the flow of non-rubber footwear imports into this market.

The Trade Act of 1974, which you supported when you were a Member of the House and which you signed as President, was written to allow industries which have been seriously injured by imports, such as the non-rubber footwear industry, to secure relief. The International Trade Commission conducted an intensive investigation over a period of six months. Public hearings were held at which all interested parties, including retailers, importers, foreign shoe manufacturers, and consumer interests, presented their views fully. The Commission has now made its determination. Unless effective action is taken to stem the flow of imports, the entire escape clause procedure laid out in the Trade Act will be called into question by American industry and its workers. We strongly urge that you act promptly to put into effect a remedy which will be consistent with the unanimous finding of the Commission with regard to the serious injury faced by this industry.

Sincerely,


BILL BROCK

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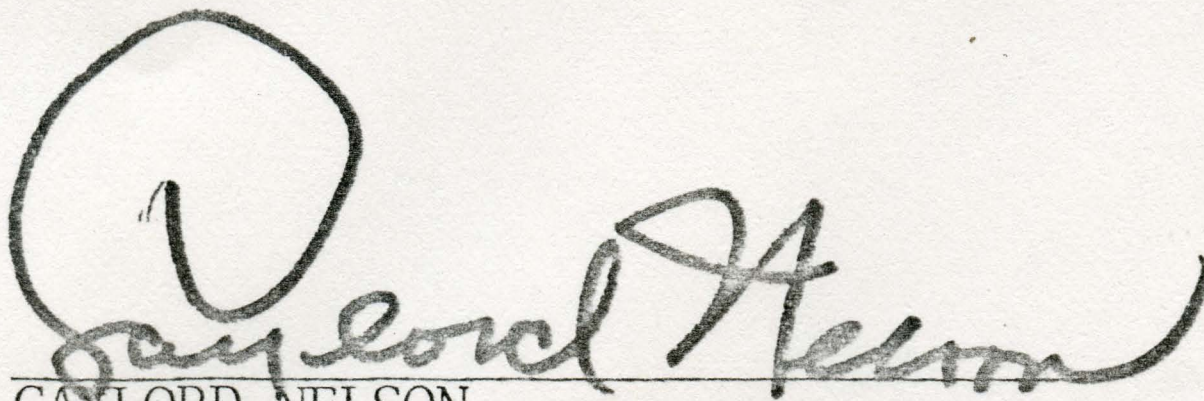
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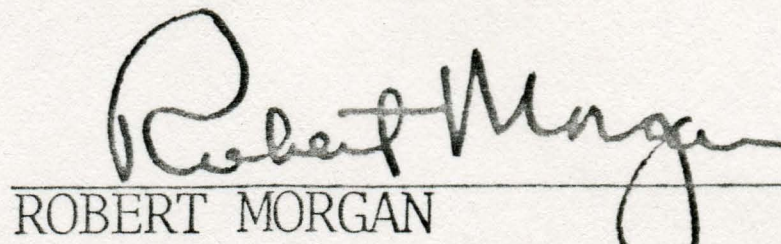
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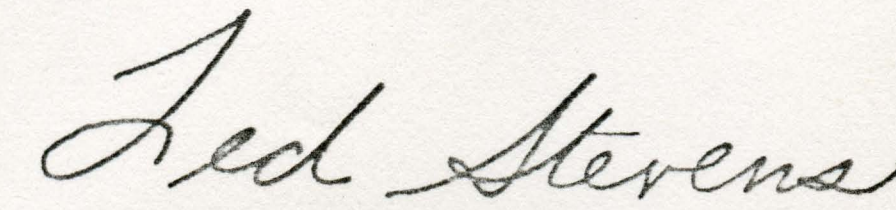
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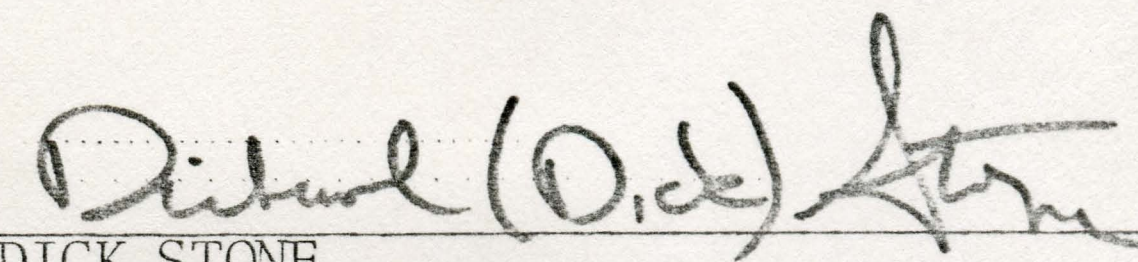

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