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TARIFF COMMISSION REPORTS TO THE PRESIDENT ON
PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BY CERTAIN WORKERS
OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY

The Tariff Commission today reported to the President that a number of workers in the Delaware Valley Parts Depot of the Ford Motor Company at Pennsauken, New Jersey, became or will become unemployed as a result of the transfer from the New Jersey depot to Canada of the packaging for export of knocked-down cars and trucks. The Commission's report, which was submitted to the President through the Automotive Adjustment Assistance Board, contains details concerning the unemployment of the workers involved, as well as information respecting the reasons that the Ford Motor Company decided to transfer the packaging operation to Canada.

The Commission's investigation (No. APTA-W-1), conducted under section 302(e) of the Automotive Products Trade Act of 1965, was ordered in response to a request received on February 8, 1966, from the Automotive Assistance Committee of the Automotive Adjustment Assistance Board. The Committee's request resulted from a petition for adjustment assistance filed with the Board by the International Union, United Auto Workers, on behalf of Local 918, a group of workers employed at the Delaware Valley Parts Depot. The petition alleged in

effect that the group of workers was threatened with unemployment as a result of a decision of the Ford Motor Company to transfer the packaging and shipping for export of knocked-down Ford cars and trucks from its Pennsauken Depot to Canada, and that the operation of the U.S.-Canadian automotive agreement was the primary factor threatening to cause such unemployment.

Virtually all of the information in the report to the President consists of material that had been received by the Commission in confidence. Inasmuch as disclosure of such material would reveal certain operations of an individual firm, the Commission is not releasing its report to the public.