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Barriers to the Import and Export of
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Material

Addendum:

Note by the Chinese Delegation

With reference to China Section in the "Note on the practices Governing the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials in Certain Countries Participating in the Third Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" appearing on page 7 of GATT/CP/12/Add.3, we wish to inform you that the particulars therein as supplied by UNESCO are not quite accurate and wish to provide the following details of the existing practice of China concerning the importation of the articles in question, for the information of other delegations:

1. Regarding books, newspapers and periodicals, our Import Tariff provides the following two headings:

<u>Tariff Heading No.</u>	<u>Name of Article</u>	<u>General Tariff- Rate</u>
542	Books, Printed or Manuscript, Bound or Unbound (not including Note-books, Ledgers, and other office, school, and private stationery).	Free

From the above, it will be seen that school stationery is not included therein but is dutiable under appropriate headings of the Tariff.

544 Newspapers and Periodicals:-

- (a) Old (fit only for packing or remanufacture) 12½%
- (b) Others Free

That is to say, current newspapers and periodicals are duty free.

2. As to scientific equipment, our Import Tariff heading No.630 reads:

<u>Tariff Heading No.</u>	<u>Name of Article</u>	<u>General Tariff Rate</u>
630	Barometers, Thermometers, Drawing, Surveying, Medical, Nautical, Optical, Surgical, Dental, and all other Scientific Instruments or Apparatus, and parts or accessories thereof:- (a) Medical, Surgical, or Dental Instruments, and parts thereof	15%
	(b) Nautical Instruments, and parts thereof	Free
	(c) Others	15%

It will be seen that the duty rate for "(c) Others" is 15% and not 30%.

3. As regards films, educational cinematograph films are covered by our Import Tariff heading No. 543 in common with Maps, Charts, etc., and are duty free.
4. Concerning discs, it may be noted that gramophone records for educational purposes (i.e. for teaching languages, etc.) are also classified under our Import Tariff heading No. 543 and are duty free.

