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

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Note by the United States Delegation.

The statement contained on pages 22 and 23 of GATT/CP/12/Add.3 on the tariff treatment accorded imports by the United States of publications and other educational, scientific, and cultural items of interest is correct but is not complete. The compilation refers in several places to "publications" whereas the corresponding United States tariff classification of duty-free articles generally embraces "maps, music, engravings, photographs, etchings, lithographic prints and charts" and, where material for the use of the blind is concerned, it embraces also "special apparatus and objects serving to teach the blind, including printing apparatus, machines, presses and types for the use and benefit of the blind exclusively." The United States also permits the entry free of duty or at low rates of many articles which have use for educational, scientific, and cultural purposes. Identification of all of the articles here under review, according to their tariff status, would require a detailed analysis of virtually the entire tariff act.

