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The following additional replies have been received by the Secretariat:

Syria and Finland have expressed their agreement to the holding of tariff negotiations on the basis of the memorandum annexed to GATT/CP/36.

The fovernment of the Union of South Africa, whilst having no objection to the arrangement of such negotiations, cannot at this stage commit itself to participation therein. The Union Government has also indicated that it concurs in the enquiry addressed to the Allied High Commission in Germany but is not prepared at present to approve of a similar communication to the Republic of Korea.

Denmark is in favour of tariff negotiations on the basis of the memorandum but has suggested that the timelimit for the exchange of lists of products be postponed for one month because the preparation of a common Scandinavian customs tariff and the implementation of the Annecy concessions make it difficult for customs experts to prepare these lists before January 15th. A communication has been sent to the Government of Denmark repeating the reasons for the choice of this date and suggesting that Denmark consult directly with any participating countries which would be embarrassed by receiving the Danish list of products at the later date suggested. It is suggested, therefore, that the participating governments which would experience difficulties in such a delay, discuss the matter directly with Denmark. Denmark has also expressed itself in favour of the Czechoslovak proposal contained in GATT/CP/37.

Colombia, having carefully studied the invitation, considers that it would not be possible to participate in the proposed negotiations, since no solution has yet been found to the basic difficulties which prevented the completion of their negotiations at Annecy.

