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Letter of 27 March from the Swiss Government

"With reference to your letter of 22 March, in which you asked me to give some detailed information concerning the Swiss customs tariff which might be used in connection with the Torquay tariff negotiations, I have the honour to inform you that I have consulted the administrative authorities concerned and hereby submit the following answer:

As I explained orally during our recent talks in Geneva, it will not be possible to complete the preparation of the Swiss customs tariff before next autumn and consequently the new tariff could not be approved by that time by the Swiss Parliament and, if necessary, by the Swiss people. If other difficulties could be resolved my Government could therefore envisage negotiating on the basis of the existing tariff which dates back to 8 June 1921, considered jointly with the negotiating tariff of 5 November 1925. The latter tariff is not at present in force, but could be applied at any time, in part or in whole, through a simple Government decision.

I shall be glad to submit any further information that might be requested by the delegations which are now attending the GATT meeting in Geneva."