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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

ARTICLE XXII - CONSULTATIONS

French Import Restrictions

In accordance with the procedures adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 10 November 1958, for consultations under Article XXII on questions affecting the interests of a number of contracting parties, the United States Government has informed the Executive Secretary of the following request addressed to the Government of France:

"My Government has instructed me to inform you that it wishes to enter into consultations with the Government of France under the provisions of Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The consultations would relate to those commodities the importation of which into France from the United States is subject to quantitative restriction.

"My Government proposes that the consultations be held in Geneva in January 1961, at a mutually convenient time and preferably either immediately before or after any GATT working party or other meeting at which both of our Governments may be represented. I should appreciate your informing your Government accordingly.

"In accordance with the procedures adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 10 November 1958, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Executive Secretary for the information of all contracting parties."

Further, the Executive Secretary has been advised by the Government of the United States that the "commodities the importation of which into France from the United States is subject to quantitative restriction", which will be the subject of the consultation are those listed in Annex I to the Notice to Importers on pages 8704-8711 of the Journal Officiel of 24 September 1960.

Any contracting party wishing to assert a substantial trade interest and desiring to be joined in the consultation should so inform the Governments of the United States and France and also the Executive Secretary within forty-five days of this notification, i.e. not later than 8 January 1961.