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THE GATT PROGRAMME FOR EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
(REPORTS OF COMMITTEES II AND III)

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. At the second plenary meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 18 November 1961, it was agreed that further consideration should be given to the provision of wider publicity to the reports of Committees II and III. In order to assist the CONTRACTING PARTIES in their consideration of this matter, a study has been made of the administrative and financial implications that such a proposal would involve.
2. On the assumption that the reports to the CONTRACTING PARTIES of Committees II and III can be published together, they could be presented in a printed brochure form, of some 200 pages, similar in size to the annual reports "International Trade" series.
3. The study of the Third Five-Year Plan of India could also be released as a printed brochure of some fifty pages.
4. As regards the suggestion for the derestriction of the reports prepared by Committee II on the agricultural policies of those countries which have consulted with the Committee, together with the country by country synopsis papers concerning non-tariff measures, it has also been suggested that such reports should be made available in two volumes. It would not be necessary to reprint these reports, but it would facilitate their use if the present mimeographed documents were held together by the addition of a printed hard cover.
5. It should be possible to meet the costs involved in the above proposals within the present budget estimates because, among other reasons, the budget already provides some money for the publication of the reports of Committees II and III. There is also provision for the publication of a revised version of the General Agreement. However, since the estimates were prepared it has become evident that there is not yet a basis for issuing the revised version of Part I of the General Agreement. The sum allocated in the budget for this purpose could thus become available.