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As you will know, Tunisia is due to engage in tariff negotiations during the second part of the 1960/61 Tariff Conference at Geneva, with a view to accession to the G.A.T.T.

We have been considering whether the United Kingdom should submit a request list to Tunisia for concessions in the Tunisian tariff in consideration of both the tariff concessions which Tunisia would enjoy as of right accession and of possible new concessions by the United Kingdom. So far, however, we have not completed this consideration but I am writing to you now as the date, namely 1st August, for the submission of request lists suggested in the Rules and Procedures for the Tariff Conference has already passed.

In our consideration of a possible request list on Tunisia we have been handicapped by the lack of recent Tunisian import statistics. We should therefore be grateful if, as suggested in the Rules and Procedures for the Conference, you could let us have a copy of the latest edition of your Customs tariff and of your foreign trade statistics for 1958/1959.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the G.A.T.T. Secretariat so that they may be aware of the position.

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