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Addendum

Additional Information Supplied by Rhodesia and Nyasaland

In its report L/1774, the Panel of Experts on Notifications of Residual Restrictions raised certain questions concerning the notification made by the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (see page 8 of L/1774). In reply to these queries the Government of the Federation has supplied the following information.

Agricultural Products

No agricultural restrictions were included in the notification reproduced in L/1769 since the Federation's controls in this sector were fully reported, and were explained in detail, in the course of the Federation's Committee II consultation during the Tokyo session (cf. COM.II/2(s) of 2 October 1959). It was not our intention to exercise a judgment on the compatibility or otherwise of individual controls in the agricultural field in advance of any decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES as a result of the Recommendations of Committee II.

The statement of the Federation's residual restrictions on agricultural products contained in pages 14 to 18 of document COM.II/2(s) of 2 October 1959 is still valid. It should, however, be pointed out that the Federal Government, which exercises these restrictions, maintains a close watch on all agricultural import controls both in regard to their consistency with the provisions of the GATT and to the extent to which liberalization can be effected.

Jute Bags and Accounting Machines

Controls are also still exercised on the other two items mentioned in the report of the Panel of Experts but they were not included in the last notification for the reason that the Federal Government does not consider these particular restrictions to be incompatible with the provisions of the GATT. Jute bags are not manufactured in the Federation and the only purpose of the restriction is to ensure orderly distribution and price stability, most imports of jute bags into

the Federation being handled by a special grain bag pool, set up for the purpose. Restrictions were imposed on the importation of second-hand accounting machines for the protection of local commerce from abnormal imports of redundant accounting machinery from South Africa as a result of that country's conversion to decimal currency.

