

GATT/AIR/104

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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES
CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX: VIOLINS AND VIOLAS

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:

"ON 29 JANUARY 1957 THE UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IT HAD FOUND BY A 3-2 DECISION THAT THE DOMESTIC VIOLIN AND VIOLA INDUSTRY IS BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED BY IMPORTS OF VIOLINS AND VIOLAS VALUED NOT OVER \$25.00 EACH.

"THE TARIFF COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE DUTY ON THESE VIOLINS BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT $62\frac{1}{2}\%$ SPECIFIC AND $17\frac{1}{2}\%$ PER CENT AD VALOREM DUTIES TO \$1.875 SPECIFIC AND 52.5 PER CENT AD VALOREM.

"OF THE TOTAL UNITED STATES IMPORTS OF ALL VIOLINS AND VIOLAS IN 1955 \$305,000 CAME FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY \$15,000 FROM FRANCE \$14,000 FROM ITALY AND \$8,000 FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM. ON THE BASIS OF PAST VALUE DATA THE TARIFF COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION APPEARS TO AFFECT ONLY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND FRANCE. CONSULTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GATT ARTICLE XIX WILL BE INSTITUTED WITH THE EMBASSIES CONCERNED.

"THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN THIS CASE IS REQUIRED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMMISSION SUBMITTED ITS REPORT."

ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY WISHING TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATION UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE XIX:2 SHOULD PROMPTLY CONTACT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND NOTIFY ME.

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