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GATT/AIR/29 (SECRET)

6 JANUARY 1953

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES  
CONSULTATION UNDER ARTICLE XIX CONCERNING PART OF ITEM 1552

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION, DATED 24 DECEMBER 1952, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE REQUEST THAT THIS COMMUNICATION BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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"THE TARIFF COMMISSION TODAY SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT A UNANIMOUS REPORT RECOMMENDING, PURSUANT TO AN ESCAPE-CLAUSE INVESTIGATION, THE FOLLOWING INCREASES IN DUTIES ON TOBACCO PIPES AND BOWLS WHOLLY OR IN PART OF THE GROSS CHIEF VALUE OF BRIER (NOW DUTIABLE AT  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ¢ EACH PLUS 40 PER CENT AD VALOREM): IF VALUED BELOW \$ 2.25 PER DOZEN,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  ¢ EACH, PLUS 60 PER CENT AD VALOREM; IF VALUED AT \$ 2.25 BUT NOT OVER \$ 3.75 PER DOZEN, 5 ¢ EACH. THIS RECOMMENDATION DOES NOT MODIFY THE CONCESSION GRANTED AT TORQUAY ON PIPES NOT OF BRIER VALUED UNDER \$ 1.20 PER DOZEN. SUPPLIERS OF BRIER PIPES VALUED UNDER \$ 5 PER DOZEN AND VALUE OF IMPORTS FOR 1951 ARE: ITALY, \$ 237,000; FRANCE, INCLUDING ALGERIA, \$ 85,000; UNITED KINGDOM, \$ 12,000; AUSTRIA, \$ 1,200; GERMANY, NEGLIGIBLE.

"NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED AS TO WHETHER THE ACTION RECOMMENDED ON PIPES WILL BE TAKEN.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH TWO, ARTICLE XIX OF THE GATT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH THE CONTRACTING PARTIES JOINTLY AND WITH INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN EXPORTING SUCH PIPES TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENT MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FULL SIXTY-DAY PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE TRADE AGREEMENTS EXTENSION ACT. IN ANY CASE THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO COMPLETE ANY CONSULTATION EVEN IF THE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE MEANTIME.

"THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. ANY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE MAY NECESSITATE THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ABOVE.

"THE UNITED STATES HAS SEPARATELY NOTIFIED THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, ITALY, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY."

E. WINDHAM WHITE, JR.