

**AIRGRAM**

**TÉLÉGRAMME PAR AVION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

GATT/AIR/47 (SECRET)

1 JUNE 1954

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES  
CONSULTATION UNDER ARTICLE XIX

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON 28 MAY 1954 FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE REQUEST THAT THESE COMMUNICATIONS BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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COMMUNICATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
CONCERNING TARIFF ITEM 763

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"IN AN ESCAPE CLAUSE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT ON 21 MAY, THE TARIFF COMMISSION FOUND UNANIMOUSLY THAT ALSIKE CLOVER (ITEM 763, PART I, GATT SCHEDULE XX) IS BEING IMPORTED IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.

"THE TARIFF COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXISTING TARIFF ON IMPORTS OF ALSIKE CLOVER SEED BE INCREASED FROM 2 CENTS TO 4 CENTS PER POUND UP TO 1,500,000 POUNDS IMPORTED IN ANY 12 MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JULY 1954, AND THAT THE DUTY BE 6 CENTS PER POUND ON IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF THAT AMOUNT.

"NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED AS TO WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE THE RECOMMENDED ACTION.

"THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH THE CONTRACTING PARTIES JOINTLY AND WITH INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN EXPORTING THE PRODUCT TO THE UNITED STATES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIX, PARAGRAPH 2. THE PRESIDENT MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FULL 60-DAY PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE TRADE AGREEMENTS ACT BEFORE ACTING ON THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO COMPLETE ANY CONSULTATION EVEN IF ACTION IS TAKEN IN THE MEANTIME. THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO HOLD THE CONSULTATION EITHER IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY CONCERNED OR IN WASHINGTON.

"THE FOREGOING IS SUBMITTED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND IS NOT TO BE DISCLOSED. ANY DISCLOSURE MAY LEAD TO INCREASED IMPORTS AND NECESSITATE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS."