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RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS

With the Uruguay Round in its present delicate phase I think it worthwhile to remind all staff of the very clear rule that all press enquiries should be transferred, in the first instance, to the press office. Even if some enquiries of a technical nature are subsequently referred back to divisions, the overall management of press contacts by the Information and Media Relations Division is intended to ensure consistency in the facts made available to journalists and to avoid embarrassing conflicts of presentation. For the moment, at least, there is a need for great discretion.

This is not only the case with respect to the Round but also other aspects of GATT work. At the present time, I especially have in mind the accession process for Chinese Taipei which is the subject of intense media activity within the territory.

I shall be grateful for your cooperation in these matters.

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