At the first meeting of the Working Party the United Kingdom delegation undertook to attempt a draft of the plan for consultations referred to in paragraph 4 of document COM.II/W.3. This plan is given hereunder as Annex A.

Annex B hereunder indicates the kind of documentation about individual consulting countries that should be available as a basis for the consultations.

ANNEX A

PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

The consultation with each contracting party should be conducted broadly on the basis of the following plan and of the background information described in Annex B. Discussion will not be restricted to the topics included in the plan, nor need the plan itself be followed slavishly.

A. General Agricultural Policy

(i) General characteristics and objectives of the country's agricultural policy.

(ii) If a particular technique of protection or support is generally applied, the reasons for its choice.

(iii) Effects on trade:

(a) Effects on the economy of the consulting country.

(b) Effects on trade of other contracting parties.

(iv) Scope for and prospects of:

(a) Reduction of general level of protection

(b) Adoption of alternative measures.
B. Commodities Listed in Annex A

(i) Purpose of present measures

(ii) Effects on trade:
(a) On home production.
(b) On home consumption.
(c) On level and pattern of imports.
(d) On level and pattern of exports.

(iii) Reason for choice of particular type of measure chosen.

(iv) Intentions in regard to the maintenance or modification of the existing measures.

(v) Where a particular measure is considered to have adverse effects on the external trade of other contracting parties (whether directly or indirectly) prospects of:
(a) Reduction of level of protection.
(b) The adoption of alternative measures having less harmful effects on international trade.

ANNEX B

BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY CONSULTING COUNTRIES

Much of the background material that will be required as a basis for the consultations is already included in the country papers prepared by the secretariat for the Committee. Further information is also available in the background documents supplied in connexion with consultations under Articles XII and XIV and in the annual reports supplied under XVI and XVII of the GATT and under various waivers. Relevant statistical material is also available in the secretariat document COM.II/W.2. In so far as it has not already been supplied in one of these documents, information of the kinds indicated below should as far as practicable be supplied for incorporation into the country papers. In so far as the information has been so supplied there is no need to repeat it but reference to the relevant report will suffice. The additional information should be supplied to the secretariat in time for circulation not less than one month before the date fixed for consultation with the country concerned.

The following information should be provided for each of the commodities listed in paragraph of the Working Party report.

1. Definition of product.- Tariff Item No.

2. Tariff measures:
   (a) Provisions of tariff
   (b) Whether subject to a concession under the GATT.
3. Non-tariff measures:
   (a) Brief description of agricultural policy and objective in respect of product.
   (b) Description of any methods of protection or support employed other than those described in items 3 to 6 below.
   (c) Extent of Government participation in (b).

4. Subsidies on domestic production:
   (a) Amount of direct subsidy per unit.
   (b) Total budgetary allocations for each of the last three years for which statistics are available.
   (c) Price per unit of production:
       (i) when sold on the home market in wholesale quantities;
       (ii) when exported.

5. Export subsidies:
   (a) Amount of direct subsidy per unit.
   (b) Total budgetary allocation for each of the last three years for which statistics are available.

6. Level of protection.
   (a) Guaranteed price or return (if any) to farmers.
   (b) Price per unit of product:
       (i) when sold on home market in wholesale quantities;
       (ii) of the like imported product before duty is charged;
       (iii) any further information that might indicate the degree of protection afforded.

7. Statistical information (where not elsewhere covered) - imports and exports, level of home production (actual and as percentage of total home consumption) for:
   (i) two representative pre-war periods 1925-1929 and 1934-1938;
   (ii) a representative post-war period for which statistics are available.