APPOINTMENT OF MR. GARDNER PATTERSON AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR TRADE POLICY

The Director-General to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Mr. Olivier Long, announces the appointment of Mr. Gardner Patterson (United States) as Assistant Director-General for Trade Policy. He took up his appointment on 1 August 1969.

This will be Mr. Patterson's second tenure of office in the GATT secretariat. The first was from February 1966 to August 1967 when, as Assistant Director-General for Trade Policy and Intelligence, he played an important rôle in the conduct of the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations.

Mr. Patterson has also had a career of distinction in the service of the United States Government, and in the academic sphere.

After teaching at Harvard University and the University of Michigan, he joined the faculty of Princeton University in 1949, where he was Professor of Economics and International Affairs. At Princeton he also served as Director of the International Finance Section of the University from 1949 to 1958 and as Director of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from 1958 to 1964. In 1965 he served as Acting Chairman of the Department of Economics.

Prior to and interspersed with this academic work, among other posts, he served as United States member of the Greek Currency Commission; United States Treasury Representative to various nations in North Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans; he has been economic advisor to the United States diplomatic and aid missions in Israel and Turkey and was head of an economic survey mission to Tunisia. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and as Vice-President, of the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, New York.

At the conclusion in August 1967 of his first appointment with the GATT secretariat, Mr. Patterson returned to Princeton University where he directed a study looking toward the enlargement of the University and its transformation from an all-male to a co-educational institution.
Mr. Gardner Patterson has contributed articles on a variety of subjects - notably international trade, aid, international finance - to numerous journals and periodicals. His most recent book dealt with problems of discrimination in international trade.

He is married and has one daughter.