The seventh group of government officials holding fellowships granted by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration has joined the GATT secretariat for a six-month period of training. Including the present group, some forty officials have to date undertaken this training course.

The training course is not limited to the operation of GATT but covers also the general problems which have to be taken into account in the formation of an efficient commercial policy, especially in less developed countries. The course is practical in its methods and the officials participate in the day-to-day work of the GATT secretariat, including attendance at the Sessions of the Contracting Parties and Committees or sub-groups established by them.

So far the following governments have sent officials to take part in the GATT training course:

(a) member governments: Brazil, Burma, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Greece, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Federation of Malaya, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Turkey

(b) non-member governments: Ecuador, Poland, Trinidad (Federation of British West Indies), Yugoslavia.

The group which joined the GATT secretariat in January 1959 comprises the following officials:

Mr. Kow Nkensen ARKAAH, Assistant Commercial Officer, Ministry of Trade, Ghana.

Mr. Sambosiva NARASIHAN, Second Secretary, High Commission of India in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Aiyoshi TAKAHASHI, Vice-Assistant of Chief of Section, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan.

Mr. Zdzislaw RURARZ, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Poland.

Mr. James GIRDLINGTON, Private Secretary to the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

(Mr. Takahashi, Japan, will attend the course for the month of January only.)

In addition, the following official has been sent by his Government to attend for the first three months of the course:

Mr. Felix KLAM, Deputy Chief of Section for GATT and United Nations Economic Organizations, Federal Republic of Germany.

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