The Delegation of the United States has made the following Communiqué:

FIFTEEN PAIRS OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED IN TARIFF CONFERENCE: AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND OTHER GATT PARTNERS SIGNED ON MARCH 5-7

1. Fifteen bilateral negotiations in the 1960/61 Tariff Conference were concluded on 5, 6 and 7 March. The signature of these agreements brings to a close the major part of the negotiations involving the United States in the multilateral tariff conference.

The other signatories to these agreements are the European Economic Community, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Of these countries Israel and Portugal are negotiating for full accession to GATT.

2. These completed bilateral negotiations represent an important part of the general (or "Dillon") round of tariff negotiations. However, other countries still have major negotiations to complete. When all negotiations are completed, the agreements, including those now concluded by the United States and her partners, will be incorporated in the several protocols to which the various countries' Schedules of concessions are annexed.

3. By far the largest of the negotiations was that between the European Economic Community and the United States.
4. The Tariff Conference was organized in two phases. The first phase which began on 1 September 1960 was concerned mainly with renegotiations called for under GATT Article XXIV:6 with the Commission of the European Economic Community acting on behalf of the six member States. In this phase agreement was reached on tariff rates involving more than $1.5 billion dollars of United States exports to the EEC.

The second phase, which began on 29 May 1961 and which is now virtually completed so far as negotiations involving the United States are concerned, involved primarily the exchange of new tariff concessions among interested countries. In this round of negotiations, in the agreements thus far signed, the United States and its negotiating partners exchanged direct concessions covering, in all, a further $2 billion dollars of trade.

The Delegation of the European Economic Community has made the following communiqué:

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CONCLUDES
ARTICLE XXIV:6 AND "DILLON" NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES

On 7 March the representative of the European Economic Community signed two agreements with the United States, the first being the conclusion of the renegotiations required under Article XXIV, paragraph 6, of the GATT. The second embodied the tariff concessions negotiated in the course of the "Dillon" round of tariff negotiations.

With the signature of the Article XXIV:6 agreement with the United States the EEC has now signed eighteen agreements under this clause.

The European Economic Community still has to conclude a number of important negotiations under the "Dillon" round and hopes to be able to finish these negotiations within a reasonable delay.

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