APPOINTMENT OF MR. H.E. TENNEKOON AS
SPECIAL ADVISOR ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
ANNOUNCED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF GATT

The Executive Secretary, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, announces that the Government of Ceylon has agreed to make available one of its most senior and experienced officials, Mr. H.E. TENNEKOON, to be his Special Advisor on Trade and Development. Mr. Tennekoon, whose career is outlined below, is at present Secretary to the Treasury and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Earlier this year it was announced that Mr. T. Swaminathan, a high official of the Indian Government, had been appointed to this position. Owing to developments in that country, the Indian Government was compelled to retain his services.

Mr. Tennekoon will take up his new position in January 1964.

Mr. H.E. Tennekoon has held a number of important judicial and administrative posts in Ceylon from the time when he entered the Ceylon Civil Service in 1956. Among these are the following: Government Agent in several Provinces; Controller of Imports and Exports; Controller of Immigration and Emigration; Land Commissioner; Director of Commerce; Assistant Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs; Additional Permanent Secretary for Commerce, Trade, Food and Shipping; Permanent Secretary, Defence and External Affairs; Permanent Secretary, Agriculture, Lands, Irrigation and Power. Present position: Secretary to the Treasury and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Tennekoon has represented his government at many international conferences and has been leader of the Ceylon delegation to GATT meetings on several occasions.

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