1. The Working Party has examined the replies received from Delegations to the Questionnaires distributed with document GATT/TN.1/A/7 and has found that Delegations expect that their negotiations with a majority of countries will have been completed by the end of June.

2. However, it is evident that a number of negotiations will not be finished at the end of June. Some of special importance, from the point of view of volume of trade, may extend until late in July or even into August.

3. Further, the Working Party has considered a report on the hotel situation in Annecy through the months of July and August, copy attached hereto. It appears that, if office accommodation is to be reserved in the Hotels Verdun, Angleterre and Jeanne d'Arc, guarantees will have to be given in the near future and definite dates will have to be fixed for the eventual vacation of the offices. The rooms for meetings and the offices at the Hotel Verdun and one floor at the Hotel Angleterre can be reserved. At these hotels a total of some 60 offices would be available. Delegations now accommodated at the Hotel Verdun will be required to give up some of their offices for use by those delegations which will have to vacate their rooms at the Hotels Jeanne d'Arc and Angleterre.
Working Party noted the proposed increase in hotel rates and recommends that the Secretariat discuss this proposal with the hotel managements.

4. In the light of the above considerations the Working Party recommends that the Secretariat be requested to make arrangements for reservations of office and conference accommodation at the Hotel Verdun and one floor at the Angleterre up to the end of July.

5. Thus it is anticipated that Delegations will be able to continue with their present accommodation until the end of June; then for the month of July, Delegations will have to arrange to carry on with restricted office space. If it should happen that some of the negotiations must be continued in August the above hotels will not be available for meetings or for offices. At that time it may however be possible for the Secretariat to make emergency arrangements for meeting rooms, but Delegations would have to make their own arrangements for offices.
HOTEL SITUATION IN ANNEXY FOR MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

Informal Report by the Secretariat on proposals made in the course of a meeting of CORTA with the hotel keepers.

1. Offices

A) Jeanne d'Arc -- must be released by 10 July.

B) Angleterre -- if they can be given a guarantee that the hotel will be required for offices for July and August, the whole hotel will remain available. If they receive a guarantee of July only, they will reserve one floor and suggest for security reasons the third floor. In the latter case, the rooms now used for meetings would be reconverted into dining and sitting rooms.

C) Verdun -- available through July. Also available for whole month of August but not for part thereof.

In both cases, it is proposed that the prices for rooms and committee rooms would be raised by 50% from 15 July.

2. Other hotels

a) Imperial Palace -- they would be willing to keep 90 or 100 rooms available for July and about 70 rooms in August. This would be on the condition that the double rooms, particularly those with bath, be occupied by 2 people. The August bookings would have to be absolutely firm, i.e. if a delegation reserved rooms until 20 August, they would have to be paid until that date whether occupied or not.

b) Beau Rivage -- they would be willing to keep the amount of people they have now on the same conditions as the Imperial, i.e. that double rooms are occupied by two persons.

c) Tresoms -- half their rooms available to conference through July, none in August.

d) Others -- able to keep their present occupants.

All of this, especially August, is contingent on the hotels receiving firm commitments within a week. Commitments for August particularly must be adhered to.

Also it is proposed that the prices will be higher by about 30%. 