Letter addressed to the Chairman of the Contracting Parties by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The letter addressed by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the Director-General of UNESCO on the instructions of the Tariff Negotiations Committee (GATT/TN.1/3) was contained in the Report of the UNESCO Working Party (GATT/TN.1/27).

The following reply has now been received from the Director-General of UNESCO:

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter IDW/PW of 26 July 1949, with the attached Tentative Draft Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials.

"I should like to express my profound gratitude for the earnest consideration given by the Annecy Conference to the Unesco proposals. The Conference dealt with these proposals in a most effective and practical manner, and achieved results of real significance.

"Unesco will not fail to make good use of the expert advice the Conference has been kind enough to offer. The Tentative Draft Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials is being placed before the next session of our General Conference for examination and decision as to the most appropriate action to be taken.

"I noted with particular pleasure the statement that "it is anticipated that, insofar as possible, Governments will in future tariff negotiations attempt to assist in furthering the objectives sought by Unesco." I should be most gratified if the co-operative effort initiated at Annecy between our two Organizations might be maintained and carried forward at future sessions of the Contracting Parties."
"I understand that the representative of your Delegation stated, during the session of the Tariff Negotiations Committee which adopted the report of the Working Party on Unesco, that he was pleased that the Contracting Parties had been able to comply with Unesco's request for advice and assistance, which was the first to be received from another international agency. I venture to say that few requests of this nature from a United Nations agency have elicited a more generous response, and I am most grateful for the good will shown towards Unesco by you, by the Secretariat, and by all the Delegations at the Conference."