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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Programme of Studies in the Office of the Executive Secretary

Attached herewith is the programme of the studies which will be followed by the Fellows in the Office of the Executive Secretary.

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Lectures given by Mr. Jean Royer, Former Deputy Executive Secretary

Tuesday 4 February
The rôle of foreign trade and commercial policy in the general economic policy and in particular its rôle in relation to economic development and growth.

Wednesday 5 February
The various types of commercial policies (the autonomous, bilateral and multilateral approaches); the advantages and disadvantages of these various methods; the basic achievements of the multilateral approach as exemplified by GATT.

Thursday 6 February
The objectives of commercial policy: on the import side (fiscal considerations, protection of individual industries, protection of the balance of payments); on the export side (fiscal considerations, supply of essential raw materials to consuming industries, direction of exports, maximization of export earnings).

Friday 7 February
The basic requirement of equality of treatment in any multilateral commercial policy system; the most-favoured-nation treatment and the exceptions to that rule (customs unions, preferences, anti-dumping measures etc.).

Monday 10 February
The tariff as the normal means of protection; the transitional tariff problems in under-developed countries (conflict between fiscal and protective considerations and substitution of internal taxation for revenue duties).

Tuesday 11 February
The procedures for tariff negotiations (the purpose and content of reductions and bindings, the traditional negotiating procedures, the original GATT procedures and the improvements introduced at the last tariff conference).

Wednesday 12 February
The rôle of quantitative restrictions in commercial policy; the advantages and disadvantages of that method, the justification for the prohibition of those restrictions in the GATT and of the exceptions provided therein.
| Lectures given by Mr. F.A. Haight, Chief, Conference Secretariat and Liaison Division |
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| **Thursday 13 February**      | International Trade Organization (Havana Charter); Interim Commission for the ITO; Organization for Trade Co-operation. |
| and                          | Accession to the GATT; Admission of newly-independent States; Protocol of Provisional Application; definitive application. The GATT as an "organization": the CONTRACTING PARTIES; the Council of Representatives; committees, working parties, etc. |
| **Friday 14 February**        | The text of the GATT: amendments; exceptions; waivers. Consultations and settlement of differences; consultations among members and with the CONTRACTING PARTIES; complaints of nullification or impairment. |
| **Monday 17 February**        | The role of quantitative restrictions to meet balance-of-payment difficulties, particularly in the case of countries going through a process of economic development. The alternative methods for adjusting the demand for imports to the available exchange resources, measures of internal policy, adjustment of exchange rates, exchange restrictions and multiple rates, temporary taxes etc. |
| **Tuesday 18 February**       | The problem of agricultural protection. |
| **Wednesday 19 February**     | The problem of discrimination in the administration of restrictions (monetary and commercial considerations). The case for or against bilateral trading arrangements (including resort to barter operations and trading with planned economies). |
| **Thursday 20 February**      | The problem of regional arrangements (the rules for the formation of customs unions, free-trade areas, common markets and preferential arrangements). |
| **Friday 21 February**        | The avoidance of unfair competition in international trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other export incentives). |
Monday 24 February
Opening of twenty-first session.

Tuesday 25 February
Meetings of twenty-first session.

Wednesday 26 February
The functions of the GATT in the settlement of disputes, the functions and procedure of the Panel of Conciliation.

Thursday 27 February
The problem of commodities; the action of the various international bodies dealing with the problem; UN, FAO, ICCICA, study groups, the draft SACA, commodity agreements now operating; the consideration of other problems affecting trade (such as restrictive business practices).

Friday 28 February, Monday 2 March
The relations of the GATT with other inter-governmental agencies dealing with economic problems (1. the United Nations and its regional commissions; 2. United Nations specialized agencies; IMF, FAO, ILO; 3. other inter-governmental bodies: OECD, European Coal and Steel Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation Council; 4. non-governmental bodies).