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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.
Lectures given by Mr. Jean Royer

Tuesday 20 March
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 21 March
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 22 March
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 23 March
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 26 March
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 27 March
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 28 March
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.

Thursday 29 March
The rôle of quantitative restrictions to meet balance-of-payments 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.
Friday 30 March

The problem of agricultural protection.

Monday 2 April

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).

Tuesday 3 April

The problem of regional arrangements (the rules for the formation of customs unions, free-trade areas, common markets and preferential arrangements).

Wednesday 4 April

The avoidance of unfair competition in international trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other export incentives).

Thursday 5 April

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

Friday 6 April

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).

Monday 9 April

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Tuesday 10 April

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).

Lectures given by Mr. F.A. Haight (Special Assistant)

Wednesday 11 April

International Trade Organization (Havana Charter); Interim Commission for the ITO; Organization for Trade Co-operation.

Thursday 12 April

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 13 April

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.