Communication from the Government of the Netherlands

"The Representative of the Netherlands at the European Office of the United Nations at Geneva presents his compliments to the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization and, upon instructions of the Netherlands Government has the honour to bring the following to the notice of the Executive Secretary.

"The agreements, reached at the Round Table Conference between the Netherlands and Indonesian Delegations and formally accepted at the second plenary meeting held at the Hague on November 2nd 1949 have been ratified by both Houses of the Netherlands States-General and by all Parliaments and representative bodies of the States and territories which have acceded to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

"On the basis of these agreements and in conformity with the covering resolution to which they are attached, Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands transferred full sovereignty over the whole of the territories of the Netherlands Indies, with the exception of Netherlands New Guinea, to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia during a formal ceremony which was held at Amsterdam on December 27th 1949 thereby recognizing the Republic of the United States of Indonesia as an independent and sovereign state.

"On the basis of the said agreements Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands solemnly declared during the same ceremony that the Netherlands-Indonesian Union, which shall effectuate cooperation between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of the United States of Indonesia on a basis of free will, equality and complete independence of the partners, came into being. At the head of this Union shall be Her Majesty Queen Juliana Princess of Orange Nassau and in case of succession Her lawful successors in the Crown of the Netherlands."
"The Netherlands Government would highly appreciate if an application by the United States of Indonesia for membership of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization would meet favourable consideration. The Netherlands Government would warmly support such application.

"The Representative of the Netherlands at the European Office of the United Nations at Geneva avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization the assurance of his highest consideration.

Geneva, December 28th 1949"

Delegations will note that this is not an application for membership on behalf of the United States of Indonesia but an indication that if such application were made it would receive the support of the Netherlands.