Addendum

A copy of the following communication, dated 26 April 1982 and addressed to the Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia, has been received from the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

Your letter of 2 April, together with the joint representation from yourself and your colleagues under Article XXIII:1 of GATT, has been given careful attention by the authorities of the European Community and has, of course, been circulated to and discussed with the Member States of the Community.

Your joint request for Article XXIII consultations does seem to us to be rather unusual within the procedure of paragraph 1 of that Article. I am, however, instructed to convey to you the readiness of the European Communities to enter into consultations individually with any of the countries associated with this request to discuss the matters which are the subject of your letter.

I am sending copies of this reply to your colleagues who were joint signatories with you of the representations; and, since your letter was sent to the Director-General of GATT, also to him for his information.