The United States, which was granted authority in August and October 1954 (IC/SR.17 and 18) to renegotiate items 720(b) (fish etc.) and 1530(e) (footwear etc.), completed these negotiations with Canada and Benelux respectively in June 1955. Consultations were held and satisfactorily concluded with those contracting parties which claimed a substantial interest in the concessions. The results were communicated to contracting parties in documents SECRET/45 and 46 of 14 June 1955.

No objection has been lodged with the Executive Secretary to the results of these negotiations, and accordingly the United States is now free to give effect to the modifications listed below:

1. Item 720(b) in Part I of Schedule XX shall read:

"720(b) Fish, prepared or preserved, n.s.p.f.
(except fish sticks and similar products of any size or shape, fillets, or other portions of fish, if breaded, coated with batter, or similarly prepared, cooked or uncooked, and not containing added oil):

   In bulk or in immediate containers weighing with their contents over 15 pounds each . . . . . . 1/8 per lb. net weight

   Other . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 12-1/2% ad val."

2. The following new concessions shall be added to Part I of Schedule XX:

"719(4) Herring, pickled or salted, whether or not boned; not packed in oil or in oil and other substances, in bulk or in immediate containers weighing with their contents over 15 pounds each and containing each over 10 pounds net weight of herring . . . . . . 1/4¢ per lb. net weight
721(a) Crab meat, fresh or frozen (whether or not packed in ice), or prepared or preserved in any manner, including crab paste and crab sauce if not packed in air-tight containers ... 15% ad val."

3. The following note shall be attached to tariff item 1530(e):

"For the purpose of this subdivision, footwear of which a major portion, in area, of the basic wearing surface of the outer soles (that part of the article, not including the heel, that is designed to be the basic wearing surface and to resist wear on contact with any surface) is composed of india rubber or any substitute for rubber, or both, shall be deemed to have soles wholly or in chief value of india rubber or substitutes for rubber."

4. The following new concessions shall be added to Part I of Schedule XX:

"713 Eggs of poultry (except eggs of chickens) in the shell ... 5¢ per doz.

923 All manufactures, wholly or in chief value of cotton, not specially provided for:

    Fishing nets and fish netting ... 25% ad val."