The following supplementary notification, dated 20 February 1957, has been received from the Government of the United States:

"The United States notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/480/Add.4) of the Export Payment Program for citrus fruits and products in effect for the 1955-56 marketing season. As indicated in that notification, the programme was undertaken primarily to offset artificial obstacles to United States exports.

"Payments made to exporters under the programme have gradually been reduced from $1.65 per box of oranges and $1.00 per box of grapefruit to 50 cents per box in the 1955-56 marketing season.

"Because of substantial improvements in export prospects for citrus fruits, export payments by the United States Department of Agriculture will not be made on the 1956-57 crop of oranges and grapefruit."

In addition the secretariat has been informed that the cessation of export payments relates to processed orange and grapefruit products (listed on page 13 of L/480/Add.4) as well as to fresh oranges and grapefruit.