Sir,

As you will recall the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products agreed on 4 February 1971 to examine the feasibility of analyzing the effects on trade of tariffs and tariff changes and developing better measures of these effects. In order to establish the availability of the information which would be required for such an analysis, the Working Group on the Tariff Study instructed the secretariat to compile a list of studies concerning the effects of price changes on trade. The secretariat was also instructed to invite governments to indicate any further studies and research, completed or in process, conducted by government agencies, non-governmental organizations or institutions, or academicians analyzing the effects of tariffs and tariff changes, or which would be relevant to such a study (including descriptions of the models or other analytical methods used).

It would be desirable if, for the studies, research projects or economic models not included on the attached list, a brief description could be supplied concerning each of the topics below, of the data and their scope (product coverage, time period, etc.), the analytical methods and techniques used, together with an indication of the institutions or individuals undertaking this work:

(i) the economic research and studies either completed or in process which analyze specifically or are pertinent to an analysis of the effects of tariffs and tariff changes on trade flows;

(ii) the economic models or other techniques (operational rather than theoretical) which have been developed to measure the sensitivity of imports or exports to changes in tariffs, domestic and foreign prices, income, etc.;

(iii) the studies or models (operational rather than theoretical) which attempt to analyze or measure the causes of actual or projected changes in trade flows of individual commodities, or commodity groups, or in total trade.

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