Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on 21 March 1955, the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III of the General Agreement was signed by the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the United States of America. The Plenipotentiary of the United States signed the Protocol, on behalf of his Government, with the following reservation:

"subject to the reservation that the amendments contained herein to Part II of the General Agreement will not be applied except to the fullest extent not inconsistent with legislation which existed on October 30, 1947 and reserving the right to accept the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade subject to a reservation that Part II thereof will be applied to the fullest extent not inconsistent with legislation which existed on October 30, 1947".

Further, on 31 March 1955 this Protocol was signed ad referendum by the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

K. Wyndham White
Executive Secretary.

Letter sent to foreign ministers of all contracting parties.
Copies for information sent to liaison officers and Chairman.