Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that as a result of the signature by Japan of the Protocol of Rectification to the French Text of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, done at Geneva on 15 June 1955, that Protocol entered into force on 24 October 1956 in accordance with the terms of its paragraph V.

Under the provisions of paragraph V of the Protocol, the rectifications set forth in paragraph I of the Protocol, and which relate to Parts II and III of the General Agreement, have entered into force on 24 October 1956 for those countries which were parties to the Protocol on that date. Within the terms of the paragraph V of the Protocol, the rectifications which are contained in sub-paragraphs 1) to 15) inclusive of the Protocol, will only enter into force, in so far as they relate to Part I of the General Agreement, when they have been accepted by all contracting parties.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary.

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