Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the fifteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will convene on Monday 26 October 1959 at 3 p.m. in the Sankai Kaikan Building, Tokyo. The session will close not later than 21 November. Meetings will be held at ministerial level from 27 - 29 October inclusive.

Your Government, which is a signatory of the Final Act of the Havana Conference held in 1947/48, is entitled to be represented by observers at this session in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, which reads as follows:

"The representatives of countries signatories of the Final Act adopted at the conclusion of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment at Havana which have not become contracting parties may attend meetings in the capacity of observers participating in the discussions without vote."

I shall, therefore, be glad to know whether your Government intends to send observers to this meeting, and if so I should be grateful if the names of your representatives could be received by 19 October in Geneva, or not later than 26 October in Tokyo, addressed in the latter case to the GATT secretariat, Sankai Kaikan Building.

A copy of the advance agenda (L/1022) for the fifteenth session is enclosed herewith.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary.