The following telegram, dated November 28, has been received for transmittal to contracting parties:

"1. The United States Tariff Commission on November 9, 1951 reported to the President the following findings and recommendations as a result of its investigation under section seven of the Trade Agreement Extension Act of 1951:

"(a) As result in part of duty of 15 percent ad valorem reflecting concession in item 1520 of Schedule XX of GATT, hatters' furs, or furs not on the skin, prepared for hatters' use, including fur skins carreted, are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to cause serious injury to the domestic industry producing like or directly competitive products, and as to threaten continuance of such serious injury.

"(b) Application of duty on these articles of 47½ cents per pound, but not less than 15 percent or more than 35 percent ad valorem, is necessary to prevent continuance of such serious injury to domestic industry.

"2. The rate of 15 percent ad valorem was initially negotiated with Benelux at Geneva in 1947.

"3. Under the aforementioned section seven the President may make the modifications recommended by the Tariff Commission. If he does not take such action within 60 days after November 9 he shall immediately submit a report to the Ways and Means Committee of the House and Finance Committee of the Senate stating why he has not made such modifications.

"4. The United States Government is prepared to consult regarding this matter in accordance with the first sentence of paragraph 2 Article XIX of GATT. In view of the aforementioned 60-day period request that any such consultation be carried out at earliest possible date.

"5. The foregoing information is strictly confidential and if there is any public disclosure the United States Government might find it necessary to take immediate steps to give effect to the Tariff Commission recommendation."