Spanish Exports of Certain Cotton Textiles to the United States

The following extracts from a note released to the Press on 10 April 1962 are circulated to members of the Cotton Textiles Committee at the request of the United States delegation:

"The Interagency Textile Administrative Committee announced today that the Government of Spain, in response to a request from the Government of the United States, has stopped the exportation of certain cotton textiles from Spain to the United States as of 1 April 1962.

"This Committee, of which Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Domestic Affairs, Hickman Price, Jr., is Chairman, is composed of representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, State and the Treasury. It was established under instructions of the President on 18 October 1961, to carry out "rights and obligations of the United States" under the short-term arrangement provided for in the International Textile Agreement of 21 July 1961 at Geneva.

"Cotton textile commodities in question are those included under United States schedule A numbers 3112540: Men's and boys' briefs (valued at not more than $4 per pound) and 3112550: Drawers, shorts and briefs, except men's and boys' (valued at not more than $4 per pound).

"On 2 March 1961 the Government of the United States requested the Government of Spain to restrain its exports to the United States of these commodities. This action was taken pursuant to the short-term arrangement, which became effective 1 October 1961 for a period of one year. The United States and Spain are participants in the arrangement.

"The 2 March note from the Government of the United States requested Spain to restrain its exports to the United States in the commodities specified inasmuch as United States import statistics showed that these

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The part of the Press release not quoted describes briefly the relevant paragraph of the short-term arrangement.
commodities were being received in quantities substantially in excess of fiscal year 1961 imports and were disrupting or threatening to disrupt the domestic market in this specific cotton textile field. The Government of Spain has announced that exports to the United States of enumerated cotton textiles were suspended as of 1 April in compliance with the request of the Government of the United States, and this suspension will remain in effect until the situation can be clarified through review of trade statistics of the two countries."