Spanish Exports of Certain Cotton Textiles to the United States

The following communication, dated 8 May 1962, has been received from the United States mission in Geneva:

"I have been instructed to notify you that, in response to a request from the United States Government for restraint under the terms of the Geneva Arrangement of 21 July 1961, the Government of Spain has stopped exportation of an additional category of cotton textiles to the United States effective 28 April 1962.

"The new restraint, which is additional to those notified to you on 11 April 1962, applies to category 58 of the Geneva Arrangement, namely cotton products identified as 'drawers, shorts and briefs (except men's and boys' briefs), knit or crocheted'.

"The Government of Spain has informed the United States that exports of the above-mentioned articles have been suspended 'until it might be possible to verify the statistical figures and agreement can be reached between the competent Spanish and American authorities as to the base figures to which Spanish exports should be restrained'. A copy of the press release issued by the Department of Commerce for publication 8 May is enclosed.

"It would be appreciated if you would transmit this information to the members of the Cotton Textiles Committee."

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1See Annex overleaf.
ANNEX

The Interagency Textile Administrative Committee announced today that the Government of Spain, in response to a request from the United States Government, had stopped exports of an additional category of cotton textiles to the United States effective 28 April 1962.

The new restraints are in category 58 of the Geneva Arrangement of 21 July 1961 and apply to cotton products identified as "drawers, shorts and briefs (except men's and boys' briefs) knit or crocheted".

The Government of Spain informed the United States that since 28 April exports of the above-mentioned textile articles have been suspended "until it might be possible to verify the statistical figures and agreement can be reached between the competent Spanish and American authorities as to the base figures to which Spanish exports should be restrained".

The latest action by the Government of Spain to restrain cotton textile shipments to the United States is in addition to restraints announced on 10 April 1962 by the Interagency Textile Administrative Committee on other cotton textile commodities from Spain. Those commodities were United States Census Schedule A numbers 3112540: Men's and boys' briefs (valued at not more than $4.00 per pound) and 3112550: Drawers, shorts and briefs except men's and boys' (valued at not more than $4.00 per pound).

The new restraints by the Government of Spain were made at the request of the United States Government in a formal note on 5 April 1962. The latest action was taken in accordance with the terms of the Short-Term Cotton Textile Arrangement reached in Geneva last 21 July and which runs for a one-year period that began 1 October 1961. Both the United States and Spain are participants in the Arrangement which includes nineteen governments.

The Interagency Textile Administrative Committee, headed by Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Domestic Affairs, Hickman Price, Jr., has the responsibility of enforcing the United States' rights and obligations under the Arrangement. Other Departments represented on the Committee are Agriculture, Labor, State, and Treasury.

The Geneva Cotton Textile Arrangement provides that if unrestricted imports of cotton textiles are causing or threatening to cause disruption of a country's domestic market, a country participating in the Geneva Arrangement may request another participant to restrain these exports to United States. This was the basis for the United States' request for restraint.