At the request of the Chairman of the Panel, the Deputy Executive Secretary wrote on 8 June to the Governments of the fifteen contracting parties concerned requesting relevant information on the restrictive measures mentioned by Uruguay (cf. Spec(62)151). Below is reproduced the text of a telegraphic reply from the Acting Head of the Commercial Department of the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 16 July.

"1. I have the honour to refer to your letters of 8 June and 6 July 1962 to Ambassador von Platen concerning Uruguay's request for action under paragraph 2 of Article XXIII of the General Agreement.

"2. At their nineteenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES examined the representations made by the Government of Uruguay to nineteen Member countries including Sweden concerning certain restrictive measures applied by them with respect to imports of agricultural products of special interest to Uruguay. During this examination the Swedish delegation stressed that document L/1662 constituted a set of information circulated by the delegation of Uruguay and that the fact that the document had been included in the L-series - after having originally been presented as Spec(61)294 - did not mean that it had been formally approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The obvious reason for this was that the presentation and classification of the data contained in the table attached to document L/1662 was exclusively done by the Uruguayan authorities. This Swedish opinion about the document remains unchanged. The Swedish delegation also formally requested the delegation of Uruguay to correct certain data relating to Sweden.

"3. In paragraph 8 of the notes on the consultation between Sweden and Uruguay, which took place on 13 November 1961, and which have been approved by the Swedish delegation and, to the best of its knowledge, also by the Uruguayan delegation, the latter declared its intention to revise the text of the table in the light of the information received. However the errors in the table, as far as Sweden is concerned, have to a great extent been transferred from the first document, Spec(61)294, to L/1662. A specification of the corrections which should be introduced in the document is annexed hereto.

"4. I should like to draw your particular attention to the statement in paragraph 8 of the notes on the consultation where it is said that Swedish restrictive measures presumably have an extremely limited effect on trade between the two countries. I want to add that it was and still is the view of the Swedish side that the restrictions are of virtually no practical significance whatsoever for Uruguay's exports to Sweden.

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"5. As to the question whether, in the judgement of the Swedish Government, the restrictions are applied consistently with the provisions of GATT, I would like to refer to the Swedish notification about residual import restrictions published in document L/1769 of 29 May 1962, as well as to the records from the examination of the Swedish agricultural policy by Committee II.

"6. Finally I very much regret to inform you that due to exceptionally heavy pressure of work during the present holiday season it will unfortunately not be possible for a Swedish expert to attend the meeting of the Panel.

"Annex

Correction regarding certain restrictions applied on imports from Uruguay by Sweden according to document L/1662

"(i) Symbol (1)

Import licences are not required for tariff item ex 02.01 "meat of animals of the ovine species, frozen".

"(ii) Symbol (3)

The "discrimination" existing in the form of requirement of licences for imports from certain countries including Uruguay does not limit the actual trade possibilities since imports of meat from Uruguay are at present not allowed for sanitary reasons. The table is therefore misleading inasmuch as the Swedish formal licence requirements is presented as a measure of actual discrimination. No licence "discrimination" exists in respect of ex 02.01 "meat of animals of the ovine species, frozen" since this item is not subject to import licensing.

"(iii) Symbols (4) and (6)

Only one of these symbols should be used for the description of the Swedish system of import levies. As a consequence either code No. 4 or code No. 6 should be removed for the positions 02.01, 16.02, 16.03, 10.01 and 11.01. As to position 10.03 code No. 6 should be omitted since, in the case of barley, only a system of import levies is applied."