GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Working Party on Procedures for Tariff Reduction

DRAFT RECORD OF POINTS EXAMINED AT THE
MEETING OF MARCH 1963

Amendments to Spec(63)33/Rev.1 Proposed by Delegations

Page 1, paragraph 1:

Delete the last four words and add:
"accordingly it would be open to any country represented in the Working
Party to suggest alternative negotiating methods if, after reflection, it
considers that such alternative measures would afford a better means of
achieving the basic objective". (Proposed by the Chairman.)

Page 1, paragraph 4:

Delete: - in the first line: the words "it was agreed that"
 - in the second line: the word "that"
 - in the fourth line: the word "that"

(Proposed by the European Economic Community.)

Page 1, paragraph 5:

The second sentence should be replaced by the following sentence:
"This negotiation would take account of the differing characteristics of
the trade, tariff levels, and economic structure of participants and the
problems which arise for countries exporting only a few commodities and
any special arrangements necessary to deal with certain problems arising
in agriculture and at the same time have the fullest regard for the special
needs and problems of the less-developed countries." (Proposed by Canada.)

Page 3, paragraph 12:

The first two lines should read:
"The Working Party recalled that it was common ground in the light of
the Ministerial discussions that negotiations would cover all products -
agricultural as well as non-agricultural; in particular it had been ..."

(Proposed by the European Economic Community.)
Page 4, paragraph 12:
The sentence in square brackets should be deleted and should be replaced by:
"The conclusion of the negotiations would depend on a satisfactory resolution of the problems in both fields and the balance... "
(Proposed by the United States.)

Page 4, paragraph 15:
The paragraph should read:
"It was suggested that Ministers should give direction for certain commodity groups to be convened, particularly on cereals and meats. These groups should examine the points made in paragraph 14 and recommend how particular items within this field should most appropriately be dealt with. Where the groups recommend the negotiation of commodity arrangements, the parties concerned should in the first instance negotiate interim arrangements to prevent trade being impaired while negotiations of longer term solutions were being brought to a conclusion." (Proposed by United Kingdom).

Page 5, paragraph 16:
The words in square brackets and the words "for the remaining agricultural products," should be deleted. The word "should" in the fourth line should read "would". (Proposed by the United States.)

Page 5, paragraph 17, line 2:
The words "for each major participant" should be deleted. (Proposed by the United Kingdom.)

Page 5, paragraph 18:
The paragraph should read:
"18. If in respect of any particular agricultural product a country was not prepared, irrespective of what other countries might be prepared to do on that product, to negotiate under any of the procedures outlined above, the product would be included in its list of exceptions." (Proposed by the United Kingdom.)
Page 5, paragraph 19:

The alternative paragraph proposed by the European Economic Community should read:

"It was suggested that, with a view to negotiations aimed at such far-reaching reductions in duties, it would be necessary to examine the problem of measures and practices, other than tariffs, which affect the value and stability of concessions:"

(Proposed by the European Economic Community.)