Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at ministerial level will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 16 to 21 May 1963, beginning at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 16 May.

The final agenda has not yet been determined, but the Council has recommended that the Ministers should give directives for the effective liberalization and expansion of trade in both primary and secondary products and should consider, inter alia:

A. Arrangements for the reduction or elimination of tariffs and other barriers to trade, and related matters.

B. Measures for access to markets for agricultural and other primary products.

C. Measures for the expansion of the trade of developing countries as a means of furthering their economic development.

Your Government is entitled to be represented by observers at meetings of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and I should therefore be grateful if you would inform me by 10 May of the names of any representatives your Government proposes to send to this session.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White
Executive Secretary

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