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SUBJECT: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: PROGRAMME FOR EARLY 1965TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

AS WAS AGREED BY THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ON 18 NOVEMBER (TN.64/SR.9, PAGE 1), THE PROCESS OF JUSTIFICATION OF EXCEPTIONS LISTS WAS INITIATED ON 9 DECEMBER 1964 IN A GROUP CONSISTING OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE LINEAR OFFER.

IT WAS AGREED IN THIS GROUP THAT THIS PROCESS OF JUSTIFICATION SHOULD BE RESUMED IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY. I ACCORDINGLY PROPOSE TO RECONVENE THE GROUP ON 19 JANUARY WITH A VIEW TO ITS COMPLETING ITS WORK IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 FEBRUARY. (I SHALL BE CIRCULATING TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR ITS MEETINGS DURING THIS PERIOD.)

AGRICULTURE

IT WAS THE GENERAL FEELING OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING ON 9 DECEMBER, THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR, AND I PROPOSE TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE FOR 27 JANUARY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE FOR ACTIVATING THE AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE COMMITTEE MIGHT ALSO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE TO MEET TO ELABORATE THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE COULD ACCORDINGLY BE SHORT, AND FURTHER MEETINGS WOULD BE ARRANGED FOR A LATER DATE.

NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORK IN THIS FIELD TO BE RESUMED SHOULD BE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS GENERALLY.

PARTICIPATION OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

A MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL BE CONVENED EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING THE DISCUSSION ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE COUNTRIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

GENERAL

MEMBERS OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE WILL RECALL THAT I HAVE INDICATED IN THE PAST THAT, ONCE ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEGUN, THE COMMITTEE MUST REGARD ITSELF AS BEING IN EFFECT IN PERMANENT SESSION AND THEREFORE BE PREPARED TO MEET AT SHORT NOTICE. I ACCORDINGLY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CONVENE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AS NECESSARY IN THE EARLY PART OF 1965.

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