

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**



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SECURITY OF GATT DOCUMENTS

The Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives in Geneva, and has the honour to refer to the security arrangements maintained by recipients of GATT "restricted" documents.

The secretariat has recently learned that members of the press in Geneva have come into possession of certain GATT "restricted" documents very shortly after they were distributed. The Executive Secretary takes a most serious view of this development and he intends to take such measures as are within his power to reinforce security arrangements. So far as governments with observer status are concerned he has written to their Permanent Representatives in Geneva to ask for their assurances as to the security conditions maintained by them.

The Permanent Representatives of contracting parties and associated governments are, no doubt, fully seized of this problem. Nevertheless the Executive Secretary deems it wise to draw the attention of the Permanent Representatives receiving documents in Geneva, once again, to the importance of maintaining security arrangements which are fully adequate to ensure that "restricted" documents do not fall into the hands of members of the general public, including press correspondents.

The Permanent Representatives are urged to give this question their most serious consideration.

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