The following communication, dated 6 April 1981, has been received from the United States Permanent Mission.

The Government of the United States of America has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it reserved the right, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement, to modify Schedule XX - United States of America during the three-year period commencing 1 January 1979 (document L/4753).

I now have the honour to ask you to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the United States of America intends to modify the following concessions included in Schedule XX - United States of America.

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| 609.4305          | Not coated or plated by metal:  
Over 0.25 inch in diameter, in straight lengths of 10 feet or more  
Wire of iron or steel:  
Other wire:  
Other than alloy iron or steel:  
Not coated or plated with metal: | 5.3% | 7.5% |
| 609.7005          | Over 0.25 inch in maximum cross-sectional dimension, in straight lengths of 10 feet or more | 5.5% | 7.5% |

Available import statistics are attached to this communication.
The European Community, Sweden, and the United Kingdom maintain the initial negotiating rights to tariff item 609.4105, while the European Community and Sweden hold the initial negotiating rights on tariff item 609.4305.
The European Community and Sweden hold the initial negotiating rights to tariff item 609.7005.

The United States of America is prepared to enter into negotiations or consultations in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII.
## Imports by the United States of America
(In U.S. $000)

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