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ARTICLE XXVIII:5 NEGOTIATIONS

Schedule XX - United States of America

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.

<u>Tariff Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Products</u>	<u>Rate Duty Bound in Existing Schedule</u>	<u>New Bound Rate</u>
609.4105	Wire of iron or steel: Round wire: Other than alloy iron or steel: Containing not over 0.25 per cent by weight of carbon Not coated or plated with metal: Over 0.25 inch in diameter, in straight lengths of 10 feet or more Containing over 0.25 per cent by weight of carbon	1.5%	7.5%

<u>Tariff Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Products</u>	<u>Rate Duty Bound in Existing Schedule</u>	<u>New Bound Rate</u>
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)

<u>Tariff item Number</u>		<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>Average 1977/79</u>	<u>Jan-Nov 1979</u>	<u>Jan-Nov 1980</u>
609.4105	Total	14,381	18,005	15,066	<u>15,817</u>	13,610	11,672
	Japan	10,316	12,675	10,189	11,060	8,967	7,332
	U Kingdom	2,478	2,696	2,760	2,645	2,745	557
	Canada	512	1,763	1,280	1,185	1,225	2,090
609.4305	Total	1,319	790	511	<u>873</u>	467	410
	Japan	992	482	334	603	307	248
	U Kingdom	124	211	101	145	101	5
609.7005	Total	1,801	2,213	2,588	<u>2,201</u>	2,484	1,894
	Japan	1,202	1,227	1,487	1,305	1,382	1,628
	U Kingdom	353	526	449	443	449	61
	Belgium	220	400	580	400	580	190