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BE TAKEN UNDER THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON TRANSFRONTIER TELEVISION

Reiteration of Request for Consultations under Article XXII:1
by the United States

The following letter, dated 11 October 1989, from the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the Permanent Mission of Luxembourg, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES's 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (L/6489). Similar letters were sent on the same date to the missions of the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The United States Government reiterates its request of September 1, 1989, for consultations under Article XXII, paragraph 1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in connection with your government's signature of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television.

We acknowledge your response to our initial request, and have considered your view that consultations with the EC Commission would be appropriate. Although we have no objection to discussing this issue with the Commission, particularly as it relates to the EC broadcasting directive, we note that the EC did not sign the Convention. Moreover, not all EC members States have chosen to sign the Convention. Therefore, we believe that discussions with the Commission would not appropriately substitute for discussions with your government.

Accordingly, we request that consultations on this matter take place in Geneva during the week of November 27. We look forward to your reply.