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### UNITED STATES REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EEC UNDER ARTICLE 12:3 OF THE AGREEMENT

#### Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 2 July 1991, has been received by the Chairman from the United States Trade Representative.

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This is further to my letter of 31 May 1991, requesting consultations on behalf of my Government with the EC under Article 12 of the Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI, and XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (the "Subsidies Agreement"). As described in my earlier letter, the subject of the requested consultations concerns the consistency of various actions of certain member States in support of the participation of their respective member companies in the Airbus consortium.

Since we have not to date received a reply from your authorities to our earlier letter, I would like to take this opportunity to propose that the consultations take place during the week of 22 July, but in any case before 31 July. Were consultations to occur within that time-frame, it would be consistent with the provisions of Article 12:5 of the Subsidies Agreement, which require that a requested Signatory "shall enter into such consultations as quickly as possible." We would, of course, be pleased to consider any other dates within that period that you might suggest.

I would also once again call to your authorities' attention outstanding US requests for information related to the subject of the requested consultation. These requests have been made pursuant to Article 7 of the Subsidies Agreement. A response from your Government to these requests - as required in Article 7:2 - particularly were it in advance of the date set for consultations, would, in our view, contribute to our Governments' ability to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of our concerns.