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JOINT LETTER

The Delegation of the United States and the Delegation of the European Communities hereby inform the Director General that they have today signed an Agreement to conclude their negotiations under Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994 consequent upon the accession to the European Union of Austria, Finland and Sweden.

They accordingly attach hereto, to be deposited with the WTO Secretariat, two copies of the Agreement, together with an exchange of letters which will be accepted as a basis for any interpretation of the concessions provided for in Schedule CXL of the European Communities.



For the Delegation of the
United States



For the Delegation of the
European Communities

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22 July 1996

Mr. H.F. Beseler
Deputy Director General
European Commission
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1049 Brussels, Belgium

Dear Mr. Beseler,

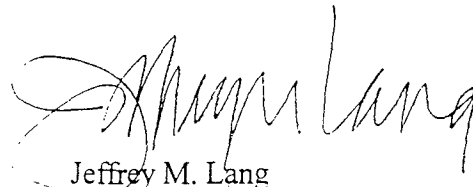
With reference to the agreement signed today between the United States and the European Community concluding our negotiations under Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994 consequent upon the accession to the European Union of Austria, Finland and Sweden, I wish to confirm on behalf of my authorities that our joint understanding with regard to Annex (a) and the footnote thereto is as follows:

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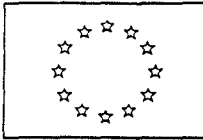
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With best regards.



Jeffrey M. Lang
Deputy United States Trade Representative



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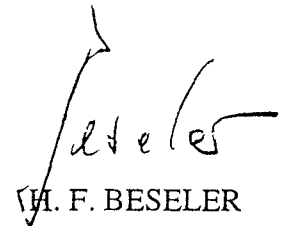
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