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OF GUYANA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to draw his attention to page 17 of Security Council document S/8954 of 30 December 1968 "Report of the Committee Established in Pursuance of Resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968," in which Guyana has been listed as having traded with Southern Rhodesia during the months January-November 1967.

The Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations wishes to refer the Secretary-General to his letter No. GPM: 2/9/3 of 3 February 1967, in response to the Secretary-General's note of 17 December 1966, with which the Secretary-General enclosed the text of resolution S/RES/232 (1966) on Southern Rhodesia adopted by the Security Council on 16 December 1966, and to reconfirm that trade with Rhodesia was banned with effect from 18 November 1965, by Order No. 56 of 1965 made under the Trade Ordinance, 1958 (No. 34 of 1958).

Trade data submitted by Guyana showed that trade was conducted during 1967 with Southern Rhodesia. However, importation did not in effect take place within this period. The explanation for this, given by the Ministry of Trade is as follows:

"When Orders of this nature are made, it is usual to allow the importer to bring into the country, beyond the effective date of the Order,

- (a) goods which had been paid for before the date on which the Order was made; and
- (b) goods for which confirmation had been received and which may be lying at dockside or which may be afloat before the date of the Order.

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"After Order No. 56 was published, the Demerara Tobacco Company produced evidence to show that the Company had paid for 78,500 pounds of tobacco purchased from Rhodesia, prior to the date of the order, and on the strength of the evidence produced, the Company was allowed to import tobacco.

"The shipment was warehoused on January 12, 1966. The Comptroller of Customs and Excise has advised that duty is collected, not when the cargo is warehoused, but when it is cleared from the warehouse, and the entries in the monthly accounts relate to the dates of the collection of duty, not to the date of entry. This explains the appearance of the January-November figures in the External Trade Account, but the importation did not take place within those periods."

The Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations requests that the above explanation be reflected in the Report as contained in document S/8954 of 30 December 1968.
