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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your report S/7781/Add.4 of 30 November in pursuance of resolution 232 (1966) adopted by the Security Council on 16 December 1966.

The United Kingdom Government will wish to study this report with care. In their view it contains much information of value, both with regard to the effect of sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, and relevant to the closing of gaps in the present arrangements.

The United Kingdom Government have noted with particular interest the analysis of the present position on Rhodesian tobacco. It would seem that if sufficient data could be provided to enable there to be a similar analysis of the position with regard to other commodities listed in Security Council resolution 232 (1966), this would be of great assistance. It was moreover the United Kingdom Government's understanding that your request for statistics of world-wide trade in the listed commodities, rather than simply trade with Rhodesia, was made with this purpose in view. They recall that your letter of 13 January and the questionnaire attached to it specifically requested "information on the quantity and value of trade in such commodities by your country with Southern Rhodesia as well as with all other countries".

The United Kingdom Government hope therefore that those Governments who have not yet supplied trade statistics, including Governments of countries who do not trade with Rhodesia, will not delay longer in doing so. The countries which have reported so far represent less than one third of the total membership of the United Nations and do not include many countries which must have a considerable trade in some of the commodities in question. The United Kingdom Government suggest that you may wish to consider reminding those Governments who have not yet reported of the importance of their doing so, if it is to be possible to build up a complete picture of how the sanctions imposed by the Security Council are operating.

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I should be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity, etc.

(Signed) CARADON

