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I

The American Ambassador to the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 137

Santiago, April 26, 1954

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the representatives of the Governments of the United States and Chile during the negotiation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva in 1947² with respect to customs concessions by the Government of Chile on automobiles weighing from 1,501 to 1,700 net kilograms, and with a C.I.F. value of more than US\$1,500.³ The Government of Chile proposed to adopt the following measures : 1) establish a duty of 1.50 gold pesos per net kilogram for automobiles weighing from 1,501 to 1,700 net kilograms ; 2) maintain for this class of automobile the limit of US\$ 1,500 for the purpose of application of the luxury products tax.

In order to give effect to the above mentioned concessions, I propose to Your Excellency that this note and Your Excellency's acknowledgment thereof be considered as a provisional agreement in accordance with the above understanding, the terms of which will be effective retroactively to March 16, 1954. This provisional agreement will be in force until March 16, 1955, or until such time as the Government of Chile gives effect to the concessions herein mentioned in accordance with the First Protocol of Modifications to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (1949).⁴

Please accept, Excellency the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration,

Willard BEAULAC

His Excellency Señor Don Tobías Barros Ortiz
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Santiago

¹ Came into force on 10 May 1954, and became operative retroactively from 16 March 1954, by the exchange of the said notes.

² See footnote 1, p. 386 of this volume.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 122, p. 169 ; Vol. 174, p. 292, and Vol. 229, p. 299.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 138, p. 381, and Vol. 226, p. 342.

Me valgo de esta oportunidad para renovar a Vuestra Excelencia el testimonio de las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

Tobías BARROS

Excelentísimo Señor Willard L. Beaulac
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario
de los Estados Unidos de América
Santiago

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

REPUBLIC OF CHILE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ECONOMIC DIVISION
Department of Economic Affairs
Research Section
FSY

No. 04310

Santiago, May 10, 1954

Mr. Ambassador :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 137 of April 26, 1954, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

With reference to this matter, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency of my Government's agreement to the terms of the note quoted above.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Tobías BARROS

His Excellency Willard L. Beaulac
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
Santiago

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.