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Chairman,

United States Tariff Commission.

Sir:

I have your letter of April 6, 1937, relative to reimbursing the Department of Commerce for work on export and import statistics performed by the Department for your Commission.

It is understood that the question upon which you desire to be advised is as to the adequacy of the agreement for such reimbursement for the fiscal year 1937. There was forwarded with your letter copy of your letter of March 30, 1937, to the Secretary of Commerce, in which reference is made to an agreement existing between your Commission and the Department for past years respecting the furnishing of import statistics on a reimbursable basis, and, also, letter dated April 5, 1937, from the Secretary of Commerce to you stating that the amount for the first three quarters of the present fiscal year is slightly in excess of \$10,000, and that as to the remainder of the fiscal year a statement of the cost would be furnished at a later date.

In view of the facts now made of record, it appearing that

the agreement for the performance of the work by the Department of Commerce for your Commission on a reimbursable basis is an arrangement which has been in effect for several years and which was intended to be applicable for the fiscal year 1937, this office will not be required to object to the use of funds of your Commission to reimburse the Department of Commerce for the actual expenditures incurred in the performance of the work in question during the fiscal year 1937, notwithstanding there was not a written order or agreement therefor signed in advance, as contemplated by the decision of March 2, 1934, 13 Comp. Gen. 234.

Respectfully,

(Signed) K. N. ELLIOTT
Acting Comptroller General
of the United States.