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*Le représentant permanent auprès de l'Office européen des Nations Unies
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*Permanent Representative to European Office of United Nations
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 51

Geneva, March 21, 1956

SECRET. IMMEDIATE.

Following for C.D. Howe from M.W. Sharp, Begins: Repeat to Vogel.

McCarthy of Australia has approached seven principal importers to determine whether they could accept a three year agreement minimum of \$1.50 maximum \$1.95. South Africa, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Ireland and Brazil have answered in affirmative. India has not yet been approached. Japanese delegate says his instructions do not permit him to accept, but for reasons given yesterday true attitude of Japan is uncertain.

2. Tomorrow, Thursday, Sub-Committee on Prices and Duration will meet to consider importers offer of \$1.45 minimum \$1.90 maximum. Importers will re-state receiving offer. Canadian Delegation will say our position remains as previously stated namely that notwithstanding inadequate quantities we are willing to renew for three years or shorter period on present price basis. According to McCarthy, Anderson would then ask whether any compromise between these price views is possible. We would agree to report to Ottawa without holding out hope of acceptance.

3. We shall report on actual events tomorrow. Meanwhile we are canvassing views of farm advisers.

4. One year extension on present price basis does not now appear to command sufficient support from importers.

5. Sharp is planning to go to Bonn for meeting Friday or Saturday followed by one day in London before return to Ottawa. He will keep in touch with Geneva by telephone. Ends.

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TELEGRAM 52

Geneva, March 22, 1956

SECRET. IMMEDIATE.

Following for C.D. Howe from M.W. Sharp, Begins: Repeat to Vogel.

Conference developed as forecast in yesterday's message. Subcommittees were unable to agree on prices. Chairman reported this fact to Committee on Quantities and Prices. Chairman then went on to say that in order to break apparent deadlock he took responsibility for proposing compromise solution of minimum \$1.50 maximum \$1.95. We had been informed of this possibility in advance and had requested that compromise price at ceiling be left open between \$1.95 and \$2.00 price. He said that he was unwilling to do so and that