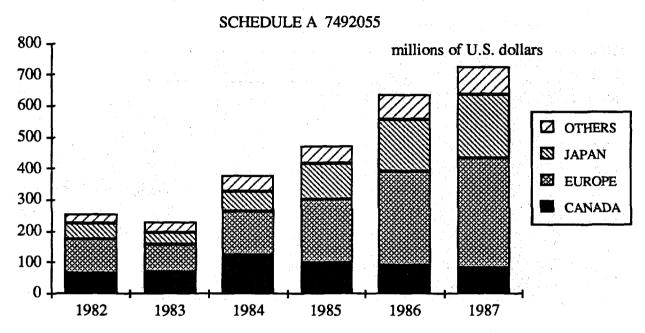
CHART 1

TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS OF DEVICES TO CONTROL FLOW OF LIQUIDS, GASES OR SOLIDS, NSPF, AND PARTS, INCLUDING BALLCOCK MECHANISMS



Source: U.S. General Imports and Imports for Consumption, U.S. Department of Commerce.

U.S. imports of this product group are estimated at \$724.3 million (U.S.) for 1987. This is an increase of 13.6% over 1986 U.S. dollar imports. Europe consistently has captured the largest share of this import market, accounting for 48.4% of total U.S. dollar imports in 1987. This share has grown steadily since 1984. The Japanese share of U.S. imports has been growing since 1983. In 1987, the Japanese captured 28% of this U.S. import market reaching \$203 million (U.S.). On the other hand, U.S. imports from Canada have declined during the same period to \$83 million (U.S.) or 11.4% of the U.S. import market in 1987. From 1982 to 1984, Canada was the second largest exporter to the United States for these products.

Chart 2, following, illustrates the percentage distribution of total U.S. dollar imports for this product group for the 1982-87 period.