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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: GATT negotiations

According to reports in the press, the Community has made large-scale concessions to the USA during the current GATT negotiations, especially in the agricultural sector and in the matter of customs duties.

1. Are these reports correct, and if so, what is the USA offering in return for the concessions?
2. Why is the Commission, after a five-year struggle, now doing all it can to bring the negotiations to a close before the end of the year when there is no guarantee that the United States will abolish its levy of import duties on Community products after 1978?