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GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO FOREIGN TRADE

Foreign traders are today confronted with increasing participation by foreign governments in the promotion, the control and the actual conduct of external trade. The rapidity with which tariff rates and customs and trade regulations are modified and with which economic changes occur in the wake of political disturbances make imperative the maintenance abroad by our government of a foreign commercial service so staffed and trained as to assure instant and highest-grade service to the foreign traders of the United States. Every effort should be made through adequate appropriations and by selection of personnel, to insure that the service maintained meets the actual up-to-the-minute needs of American foreign trade.