Chairman BOGGS. Senator Miller?

Senator MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Ambassador, I would like to touch on some of the agricultural matters. As I understand it, as far as grain is concerned, there was no agreement regarding the guaranteed access or reduction in tariffs on the part of the Common Market, is that correct?

Mr. ROTH. That is correct.

Senator MILLER. I understand further that we did take the position that we should have a guaranteed access, that was our original position, was it not?

Mr. ROTH. That is correct.

Senator MILLER. And may I ask, what was the percentage that we asked for?

Mr. ROTH. We in effect asked a percentage that would give us what, during the base period, was our actual access. I think that was about 25 percent.

Senator MILLER. And what was the base period?

Mr. ROTH. 1964–66.

Senator MILLER. 1964–66. During that base period we had 25 percent of their domestic market. So what was asked for? May I ask, what would that mean in tons? Do you have a figure readily available? As I recall, it was around a million tons.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Ioanes says about 17 million, both feed grains and wheat.

Senator MILLER. 17 million. Since we didn't get that, we did obtain an agreement that the Common Market would furnish a certain amount of feed grains per year, am I correct?

Mr. ROTH. Yes, about a million tons for food aid.

Senator MILLER. A million tons.

Mr. Ambassador, are you sure that that 25 percent is of 15 million tons? I did not have the impression that it was anywhere near that amount. We are talking about the 25 percent.

Mr. ROTH. That is for total imports. Are you talking just about the United States?

Senator MILLER. I am talking about the United States access to the Common Market based on the base period 1964–66, which, as I understood it, in the case of grains amounted to 25 percent, which was the point that you were seeking.

Mr. ROTH. That would be about 9 million tons as the American share of the 17 million.

Senator MILLER. 9 million tons. So that our proposition originally was that we would be guaranteed an access of 9 million tons of grain shipments to the Common Market per year. And they refused to give us that. And in place of that we obtained an agreement that they would put up 1 million tons of food aid per year, is that correct?

Mr. ROTH. Plus agreement to a higher minimum price.

Senator MILLER. Yes, but I am talking now about buying.

Now, according to Mr. Schnittker, in the article I referred to from the New York Times of May 19, 1967, he said that the United States gave up trying to get guaranteed access to the market because the Community's final offer had no value. What was the Community's final offer on that access?

(The article referred to by Senator Miller follows:)