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**Committee on Subsidies
and Countervailing Measures**

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Follow-Up Questions from the UNITED STATES Regarding the New and Full Notification of JAPAN¹

The following communication has been received, on 4 May 1999, from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

1. We did not receive a response to our original question 1.²
2. In response to our original question 2(b)¹, you stated that under "Subsidy to Promote and Foster New Enterprises of the Research and Development Type or Knowledge-Intensive Type", the Venture Enterprise Centre conducts "debt guarantee services for companies with plans to develop new products or services. Please explain what kinds of companies (i.e. sectors or industries) receive debt guarantee services.
3. Please refer to your response to our original question 3(b).¹ Regarding "Support for Business Innovation", please explain what manufacturing sectors have been designated by ministerial order to receive subsidies under this programme.
4. Please refer to your response to our original question 4(a).¹ Regarding "The Real World Computing (RWC) Programme", you state that "anyone can join the RWC Programme through the decision at the general meeting of the partnership". Please explain who participates in the general meeting. How are new applicants to the RWC Programme elected?
5. Please refer to your response to our original question 9(a).¹ Regarding "Capital Investment and Loan for R&D Projects Concerning Key Technology", please explain how granting a patent to the beneficiary of the subsidy results in the public release of research results.
6. Please refer to your response to our original question 9(c).¹ Regarding "Capital Investment and Loan for R&D Projects Concerning Key Technology", please explain what interest rate is charged on the loan. How is that interest rate determined?
7. It appears we did not receive answers to our original questions 12 through 17.¹

¹ G/SCM/N/38/JPN

² G/SCM/Q2/JPN/22

8. Please refer to your response to our original question 18.¹ It appears we did not receive a full notification regarding the programme Business Reform Law (or Law on Special Measures to Facilitate Business Reform by Specially Designated Businesses/Law No. 61 of 1995).

9. Please refer to your response to our original question 18.¹ Regarding "Ultra Super-Advanced Electronics Technology Development Programme", please explain whether the recipient of the subsidy (the Association of Super-Advanced Electronics Technologies (ASET)) provides assistance to producers or exporters. Please provide a list of ASET's members, or an indication of the technology sectors represented.
