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THE HIGH AUTHORITY

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between

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

and the

CHAIRMEN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

relating to the

European Coal and Steel Community

and the

Unification of Europe

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LETTER
addressed by

President EISENHOWER

- to the Honorable Alexander WILEY, Chairman
of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- and to the Honorable Robert B. CHIPERFIELD,
Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Com-
mittee.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1953

My dear Senator Wiley:
(My dear Mr. Chiperfield:)

While in Europe, I watched with keen interest the efforts to work out the first steps toward European federation. My experience there convinced me that the uniting of Europe is a necessity for the peace and prosperity of Europeans and of the world.

The recent visit to Washington by the members of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community has given me the opportunity to review with them the work and plans of the Community. This Community seems to me to be the most hopeful and constructive development so far toward the economic and political integration of Europe. As such, this European initiative meets the often expressed hopes of the Congress of the United States.

M. Monnet, President of the High Authority, has described the general program of the Community for the development of its coal and steel resources which will require extensive investment for increasing production and improving productivity. The new Community does not wish to obtain grants for these purposes, but requires loan capital. The proceeds from the taxes now being levied and collected by the Community would appear to provide security for substantial borrowing.

In due time the Community will probably seek loans for these purposes from United States and European sources public and private. It appears to me that a portion of the financing of this development program by the United States Government or one of its agencies, out of moneys available for such pur-

poses and under conditions insuring proper use and ultimate repayment, would foster European integration in a tangible and useful way.

Today the Common Assembly of the Community convenes to receive the first Annual Report from the High Authority regarding the activities of the Community. Your Committee might consider this an appropriate occasion to express its approval of the progress to date and its keen interest in the success of this and future steps toward European integration.

Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

LETTER
from
**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**
to
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

June 16, 1953

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1953, regarding the recent visit to the United States of M. Monnet, President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community. You point out that the creation of this Community is one of the most hopeful and constructive developments so far toward the economic and political integration of Europe. I have noted also that the Common Assembly of the Community convened yesterday to receive the first Annual Report from the High Authority regarding the activities of the Community.

As you know, M. Monnet and his colleagues had two informal sessions with members of the Committee on Foreign Relations while they were in the United States. We discussed the operations of the High Authority and were much impressed by the vision of these men and at the same time their realistic approach to the problem of the integration of Europe.

As you stated in your letter, European initiative in creating the Community meets the often expressed hopes of the Congress. It was in 1949 that the Economic Cooperation Act was amended to state that it was the policy of the "people of the United States to encourage the unification of Europe..." In 1950, the Act was again amended to emphasize the policy of the United States "to encourage the further unification of Europe..."

The members of the Foreign Relations Committee have asked that you convey to the Community our best wishes for its success.

It is my deep hope that the European Coal and Steel Community will be able to weld together the European economy so that the combined strength of free Europe will enable that continent to maintain its freedom and

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develop its resources to the fullest in order
that the people of Europe may prosper.

Sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER WILEY

LETTER
from
**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
to
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

June 16, 1953

My dear Mr. President:

Your letter of June 15, 1953, referring to the European Coal and Steel Community, was read to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The Committee was greatly interested in the information it contained.

The Committee and its members have followed the progress of the Community with great interest, and a number of its members have been encouraged by their meetings with the president, M. Monnet, and other members of the High Authority. The Committee had contemplated reference to the real progress

of this most significant step toward European integration in the legislation now pending before it. In view of the convening of the Common Assembly of the Community on June 15th, and in view of the fact that the Community is not an applicant for funds authorized in the pending legislation, the Committee adopted the enclosed resolution which I have the honor to transmit to you. It is our hope that you will see fit to transmit it with the personal good wishes and congratulations of the Committee to the Community and its High Authority.

We hope that this is a symbol of prompt action on the part of the European Defense Community and the European Political Community because we believe that the nations of Europe must pull together to achieve not only military integration but political federation.

Respectfully,

ROBERT B. CHIPERFIELD

RESOLUTION

by

THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

June 16, 1953

Whereas the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives has followed the development and progress of the European Coal and Steel Community from its inception with great interest, through hearings, reports and unofficial discussions with its officials; and

Whereas this is the most significant step toward European integration to date; and

Whereas the Congress has repeatedly expressed its belief in the paramount importance of such integration, having stated in the Mutual Security Act of 1952 "The Congress welcomes the recent progress in political federation, military integration, and economic unification in Europe and reaffirms its belief in

the necessity of further vigorous efforts toward these ends as a means of building strength, establishing security, and preserving peace in the North Atlantic area"; and

Whereas the Committee has learned that the first annual report from the High Authority will be made to the Common Assembly of the Community on June 15th;

Now therefore be it resolved

1. The Committee congratulates the Community and its High Authority under the leadership of its president, M. Monnet, upon the substantial progress already made, not only because of the tangible benefits that are already apparent, but because of the significance of the Community in the building of a united Europe.

2. The Committee notes with satisfaction that the Community is in a position to seek capital loans for improving productivity on a sound credit basis. Subject to proper qualification, it is the hope of the Committee that the Community may be able to obtain a portion of such loans from United States sources.

3. The Committee, reiterating the view repeatedly and officially stated by the Con-

COMMUNIQUE

issued from the White House on 3 June 1953

following the interview of

Messrs. MONNET, ETZEL and SPIERENBURG

with

President EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have met with members of the first Executive of Europe as a community. At the president's invitation, Jean Monnet, President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, Mr. Etzel, Vice-President, Mr. Spierenburg, one of its members, made an official visit here.

By the setting up and actual working of this new institution a first important step toward the creation of a United Europe has materialized. There, in the framework of democratic institutions of a federal character with a parliamentary Assembly and a Court of Justice, Belgians, Dutchmen, Frenchmen, Germans, Italians and Luxemburgers are as

Europeans, not as citizens of their respective countries, taking decisions which are directly applicable in the territories of these six nations. In the field of coal and steel the barriers, which have so long divided Europe, have been removed so that those basic materials enjoy a single market of 155 million consumers like that of the United States. At the request of the six governments, members of the parliamentary Assembly of the Coal and Steel Community have worked out the project of a constitution which will create a European parliament elected by the people and an executive responsible to it. This is the political authority under which the European Army would also be placed.

President Eisenhower, while in Europe, watched with keen interest the efforts to work out the first steps toward European federation. His experience there convinces him that the uniting of Europe is a historic necessity for the peace and prosperity of Europeans and of the world.

The United States is following these vitally important undertakings, of which the Coal and Steel Community is actually proving the practicability, with great interest.

gress of the importance of European unity to Europe and to the free world, expresses its hope that the European Defense Community and the European Political Community which constitute the necessary further steps, of which the Coal and Steel Community is the first, may be speedily developed, ratified and put into force.