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ARRIVAL STATEMENT, WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT,

PROF. WALTER HALLSTEIN, PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

Following is the text of an arrival statement by Professor Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community, on arrival at Washington National Airport today (Saturday) at 5:15 p.m.

Professor Hallstein is beginning a three-week visit in the United States, where he will confer with President Kennedy, Cabinet members, and private leaders in business, agriculture and labor. (See earlier releases.)

"Since I last visited the United States a year ago, some events highly significant to the European Economic Community and the United States have occurred.

"The European Economic Community has continued its startling economic growth. The six member states have taken important actions with a view to creating their eventual single economy. Great Britain and other European states have sought either to join or associate with this integrating Europe.

"These developments, in large part, have caused the United States to consider a basic revision of its trade policy---the most important in almost three decades.

"All of these events have a bearing on each other. All have a bearing on the future of the European Economic Community and the United States. Thus I find the present moment most opportune for taking up personal contact again with Americans in public and private life, and in the academic world."