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EURATOM COMMISSION DECLARATION ON
BRITISH REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9 -- The Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) issued the following statement following Britain's request for membership in the Community, presented by Sir Arthur Tandy, head of the British Mission to the European Communities, to the Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, M. Christian Calmes, on March 5:

"The Euratom Commission wishes to register its strong satisfaction that the principle of membership in all three communities has thus been confirmed. The United Kingdom is playing an important part in the drive for the development of nuclear energy as regards research, the industrial use of nuclear energy and advanced training. The request for membership opens up new and favorable prospects for the development of nuclear energy in Europe."

Britain's Lord Privy Seal, Edward Heath, said of this third application to European Community institutions, "It shows our desire to maintain the momentum of the negotiations as a whole."

The British Government made application to join the Common Market on August 10, 1961, and the Coal and Steel Community on March 2, 1962.