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U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE TO VISIT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States will visit three institutions of the European Community -- the European Community Court of Justice, the European Parliament and the EC Commission -- September 14 through September 19.

In Luxembourg, the Chief Justice will attend the annual opening session of the European Court of Justice and a session of the European Parliament. He and Mrs. Burger, who will accompany him, will meet Court of Justice President Hans Kutscher and Parliament President Emilio Colombo, a former prime minister of Italy, among others. In Brussels, the Chief Justice will meet Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission and other Commission members.

The European Court of Justice is the Community's "supreme court" and is the court of last resort for appeals. It can decide cases between Community institutions, member states, or any person or company affected by Community laws. The Court is composed of one judge from each member state; the judges base their decisions on the treaties that established the European Community. In the 26 years of the Court's existence, it has amassed a considerable body of law affecting primarily trade, commerce and labor in the nine-nation European Community.