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EURATOM PRESIDENT TO VISIT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 8 -- Etienne Hirsch, President of the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), will arrive here June 11 for a week of meetings with United States government officials. The visit is at the invitation of Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The purpose of the visit is to discuss Euratom's progress and development and to pursue areas of further cooperation in various fields relating to the peaceful application of nuclear energy.

In addition to holding discussions with Chairman Seaborg and other representatives of the AEC, President Hirsch will meet with George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; Representative Chet Holifield of California, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and Jerome B. Wiesner, President Kennedy's Special Assistant for Scientific Affairs.

President Hirsch was appointed to head the Euratom Commission on February 2, 1959. Previously, he was chief of France's Modernization and Equipment Plan and was also active in setting up the European Coal and Steel Community, first of the European Communities.