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COMMON MARKET OFFICIALS MEET WITH HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 20, 1972 -- Three members of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee met with Common Market officials this morning in Brussels for informal discussions of Community/ United States trade problems.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Europe, Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minn.), chairman of the House Subcommittee for International Organizations and Movements, and Rep. Guy Vander Jagt (R-Mich.), member of the Subcommittee on Europe, spent about two hours with Community officials. They met with Franco Maria Malfatti, President of the Commission of the European Communities, Albert Borschette, Commission member, and Paul Luyten, an official in the Community's foreign trade division. They discussed agricultural trade, especially citrus trade, and various non-tariff barriers.

Prior to the meeting this morning, the three U.S. House members spent two days with the European Parliament in Luxembourg where they, along with several other U.S. Congressmen, met with representatives of various parliamentary groups and committees. They also met with Gaston Thorn, President of the Council of Ministers of the European Communities and Foreign Minister of Luxembourg.