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## COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS ON AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, DC -- July 18, 1973 -- Petrus J. Lardinois, Member of the Commission of the European Communities responsible for agriculture, arrives in Washington Thursday, July 19, for talks the following day with senior US Government officials on trade questions.

A major topic is expected to be the US Administration's decision to control soybean exports. The nine-nation Community is the world's largest importer of soybeans and soya products. Last year EC member states paid over a billion dollars to buy nearly half the United States' total exports of these products, principally for livestock feed.

Lardinois is expected to confer with Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs William J. Casey, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy Peter M. Flanigan, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Herbert Stein, and President Nixon's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations William D. Eberle, among others.

Commissioner Lardinois will hold a press conference at 10 A.M. Saturday, July 21, at the European Community Information Service's Washington Office, Suite 707, 2100 M Street NW.

Accompanying Mr. Lardinois will be his chief aide, Petrus J. Wijnmaalen, and Louis Georges Rabot, the Commission's Director General for Agriculture.