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PRESIDENT ORTOLI TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON

WASHINGTON, DC, September 23 -- François-Xavier Ortoli, President of the Commission of the European Communities, will meet with President Richard Nixon next week during an official visit to Washington on October 1 and 2.

During his stay in Washington, President Ortoli will also meet with Cabinet members and other senior Administration officials.

Ortoli, born in Corsica on February 16, 1925, has served as Commission President since January 1973.

From 1958 to 1961, he was Director General for Internal Market Affairs in the Commission of the European Economic Community. Later, Ortoli headed French Prime Minister Georges Pompidou's personal staff, then served as director of France's fiveyear development plan from 1966 to 1967. He was French Minister of Finance, 1968-69, and Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development, 1969-72.