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COMMON MARKET DELEGATION VISITS WASHINGTON FOR TRADE TALKS

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 26 -- A Common Market trade team led by Jean-François Deniau, member of the European Communities Commission, will begin talks next Monday with U.S. officials on current U.S. - Common Market economic and trade relations.

The visit by Mr. Deniau, who is the member of the Communities' executive Commission responsible for the Common Market's external trade relations, and his party is one of a continuing series of exchanges between the United States and the Community. Mr. Deniau came to Washington on a similar visit last May.

The talks on March 2 and 3 will cover a wide range of issues outstanding between the Community and the United States, including agricultural and industrial trade problems, preference policy toward developing countries, and the current meetings in Geneva under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Mr. Deniau and members of the Common Market trade group will meet during the course of their visit with Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans, Under Secretary of State Elliot L. Richardson, the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations Carl Gilbert, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Nathaniel Samuels, Assistant Secretary of

State for European Affairs Martin J. Hillenbrand, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs Clarence D. Palmby, and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Paul W. McCracken.

Members of the trade group accompanying Mr. Deniau are: Edmund Wellenstein, Director General for External Trade Affairs; Theodorus Hijzen, Director for Commercial Policy-Multilateral and Agricultural Problems; Claude Trabuc, Chief Executive Assistant to Commissioner Deniau; Helmut von Verschuer, Director for International Affairs Relating to Agriculture; and Eberhard Rhein, Assistant Division Chief for GATT and U.S. Trade Relations.

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