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COMMON MARKET GETS SCHUMAN DAY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 8 -- The President of the European Communities, Jean Rey, today in Brussels, received a message from President Richard M. Nixon supporting the "broadening and strengthening" of the European Community, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Schuman Plan declaration.

The White House message coincided with observances being held in Brussels, capital of the Common Market, and elsewhere in the six-nation Community tomorrow marking the anniversary of the declaration by Robert Schuman, who, as France's Foreign Minister, proposed on May 9, 1950, in Paris, the first real step toward European unity. Schuman's historic proposal to link French and German coal and steel production under a European federal authority led to the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community and later, of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

President Nixon's message to President Jean Rey read :

"Dear Mr. President,

On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Schuman declaration, I reaffirm the full support of the United States for the renewed effort of broadening and strengthening the European Community. It is my hope that the remarkable strides of the past twenty years will be surpassed by future achievements and that Europe will play an even greater role in that task of overriding importance, the building of a secure and peaceful world.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon."

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