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COMMON MARKET TRADE SPOKESMAN ARRIVES FOR TALKS

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 14 -- Ralf Dahrendorf, Member of the Commission of the European Communities, arrives in Washington today for a round of talks October 15 and 16 with Administration officials on trade issues affecting the United States and the Common Market.

Mr. Dahrendorf, accompanied by Community trade specialists, will confer with officials of the Department of State, Treasury, Agriculture and Commerce and with representatives of the Office of the Special Trade Representative and the Council of Economic Advisers.

The agenda of the two-day talks at the State Department is expected to cover issues such as the proposed U.S. trade legislation, problems of world agricultural trade, non-tariff barriers and special and generalized trade preferences. The spokesman for the U.S. will be Deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Nathaniel Samuels.

The visit is one in a series of top-level exchanges between the Common Market's Commission and the U.S. Administration on major trade interests of the two trading partners who together account for some 38 per cent of world trade.

Mr. Dahrendorf was appointed to the nine-member Commission last July

and has particular responsibility for external affairs and trade.

He is accompanied by Theodorus Hijzen, Acting Director General for Trade Policy; Louis Rabot, Director General for Agricultural Affairs; Fernand Braun, Deputy Director General for Industrial Affairs; Paul Luyten, Acting Director for Commercial Policy, and Otto von Schwerin, a member of Mr. Dahrendorf's cabinet.

Mr. Dahrendorf arrives in Washington tonight at 8:55 p.m. at National Airport. Earlier today he addressed an international affairs conference at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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NOTE: Arrangements for a press conference or backgrounder will be confirmed after the arrival of the Common Market team.