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JENKINS TO MEET CARTER

The Right Honorable Roy Jenkins, president of the Commission of the European Communities, will arrive in Washington Sunday, April 17, for talks Monday and Tuesday with President Carter, Secretary of State Vance, Treasury Secretary Blumenthal, and other administration and congressional officials.

His five-day visit to the United States is at the invitation of President Carter, who asked the European leader here for discussions preparatory to the economic summit in London next month.

Economic topics are expected to dominate the discussions between Mr. Jenkins and President Carter and other U.S. officials. The North/South dialogue, energy questions, relations between the European Communities and Eastern Europe and East/West ties in general, the prospect for enlarging the European Communities are all subjects that are likely to be covered.

The Jenkins party will arrive at Dulles Airport via Pan Am flight #107 at 3:25 p.m. Sunday. The European leader will be greeted by Ambassador Steward-Rockwell, deputy chief of protocol; Mr. Fernand Spaak, Head of the Delegation to the United States from the Commission of the European Communities; the Honorable Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the British ambassador, and other representatives of the nine member states of the European Communities.

Members of the Jenkins party, in addition to the Commission president, are: Mr. Crispin Tickell, Chef de Cabinet to President Jenkins; Mr. Emile Noel, Secretary General; Mr. Theodorus Hijzen, Director General for External Affairs; Mr. Renato Ruggiero, Spokesman and Director General for Information; Mr. Hayden Phillips, Deputy Chef de Cabinet to President Jenkins; Mr. Roger Beetham, Spokesman's Group; Miss Elsa Hancock, Secretary to Mr. Tickell, and Mrs. Jenkins. The party will be staying at Blair House during the Washington visit.

The talks will begin on Monday, the 18th of April with an 11:30 a.m. meeting with President Carter. The European Commission president will lunch with Secretary of State Vance at 12:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. he will see Mr. Robert Strauss, the Special Trade Representative, at 4:30 Mr. Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury, and at 6 p.m. he will meet with Senator Kennedy.

On Tuesday morning, the 19th of April at 7:30 a.m., Mr. Jenkins will be interviewed on the ABC "Good Morning, America" television program and discussions are scheduled with Ambassador Henry Owen, the President's representative in charge of preparation for the economic summit, at 10:30 a.m.

A press conference at which Mr. Jenkins will report on his talks with President Carter and other U.S. leaders is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at Blair House.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Jenkins will go to Capitol Hill to talk with House and Senate leaders. After a 6 p.m. meeting with the ambassadors of the nine member states of the European Communities, the Jenkins party will fly to Chicago, where Mr. Jenkins is to address the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations at a Wednesday luncheon.

The Jenkins party will be in New York on Thursday, at which time Mr. Jenkins will visit the United Nations and speak with Secretary General Waldheim and other leaders there, before returning to Europe on Friday.