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SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR U.S.-EEC

'KENNEDY ROUND' DISCUSSIONS HERE

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 3 --- The schedule has been announced for meetings here Thursday and Friday between a high-level Common Market Commission delegation and members of the U.S. Administration concerned with the 'Kennedy Round' trade negotiation, scheduled to begin May 4 in the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

EEC Commissioner Jean Rey, in charge of external relations; Vice President Sicco Mansholt, in charge of agriculture; and Vice President Robert Marjolin, in charge of economic and financial affairs, head the Common Market delegation. (Vice President Mansholt will be here for the Friday discussions only.)

They will be accompanied by Louis Georges Rabot, EEC director general for agriculture; Pierre Millet, director general for internal market; Theodorus Hijzen, special representative of the Commission for GATT negotiations; Pierre Lucion, Commissioner Rey's executive assistant; and Michel Hedreul, counselor to Vice President Marjolin.

The delegation's Washington schedule:

Thursday

- 10 a.m. Meeting, State Department, with members of Administration concerned with Atlantic affairs. Chairman: Under Secretary of State George Ball.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon, Blair House. Host: Governor Christian Herter, the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations.
- 3 p.m. Meeting, State Department, with members of Administration concerned with Kennedy Round. Chairman: Governor Herter.
- 8 p.m. Dinner, Belgian Embassy, Ambassadors of six EEC member governments (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands).

Friday

- 10 a.m. Meeting, State Department, with members of Administration concerned with Kennedy Round. Chairman: Governor Herter.
- 1 p.m. Luncheon, Madison Room, State Department. Host: Secretary of State Dean Rusk.
- 3 p.m. Meeting, State Department, with members of Administration concerned with Kennedy Round. Chairman: Governor Herter.
- 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Rey, Vice President Mansholt, and Vice President Marjolin press conference, Colonial Room, Mayflower Hotel.
- 5:30 p.m. Remainder of delegation meeting with Embassy officials, six EEC member countries.

The 'Kennedy Round' trade negotiation is scheduled to begin May 4 in Geneva, Switzerland, with all GATT member countries participating. The EEC Commission will negotiate on behalf of the Common Market countries.

The meetings here Thursday and Friday, scheduled several weeks ago, will review progress made in preparation for the Kennedy Round. Discussion will also take place on general Atlantic affairs outside the Kennedy Round.

The EEC delegation will return to Europe on Saturday.

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