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1. Dr. Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community, M. Etienne Hirsch, President of the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community, and M. Paul Finet, President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, today concluded an official visit to Washington.

2. During their visit, the three executives of the European Communities called jointly on the President, and on the Acting Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Treasury. They called individually on the Secretary of Agriculture, the Acting Secretary of the Interior and the Acting Secretary of Labor, and on members of the Atomic Energy Commission. They also met informally with members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. Discussions during the past several days reflected the close identity of view which prevails between the United States and the European Communities on matters of common concern.

3. Dr. Hallstein, M. Hirsch and M. Finet on behalf of the European Communities took this occasion to express to the President their appreciation and gratitude for the consistent support and sympathetic interest the United States has always shown toward the European integration movement. The President stated that the United States continues to support the objectives of the European Communities because of the significant promise they hold for enhancing the strength and well-being not only of Europe but of the entire Free World.

4. The three Presidents reviewed with the Acting Secretary of State and other interested United States officials the substantial progress made thus far in the movement toward economic integration and closer unity among the six Member States, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. They expressed the determination of the European Communities to continue to strive for that goal in close association with the other nations and institutions

of free Europe and of the Atlantic Community. They further referred to the vital importance of cooperative relations between the industrially-developed nations and the less-developed areas in Africa and elsewhere, and expressed the hope that increasingly the European Community will participate in assistance to these areas. The Acting Secretary of State welcomed these statements. He pointed to the widespread interest in this country in the efforts of the Communities to bring about European unity, to build a great, single market among the six Member States and to contribute to international trade and development. He noted with satisfaction the close relations which have been established between the United States and the European Communities.

5. The three Presidents emphasized the resolution of the European Communities to help bring about social, economic, and scientific progress in the Member States, and to work jointly with other nations for the creation of a liberal, multilateral world trading system, based on the principles embodied in the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In this connection, the Acting Secretary of State and Dr. Hallstein welcomed the recent decision of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement to accept the United States proposal for new reciprocal tariff negotiations to begin in 1960. Both sides were agreed on the importance of the forthcoming tariff negotiations as part of the continuing movement for freer world trade and on the necessity to exert every effort through these negotiations to bring about a further general lowering of trade barriers. The Acting Secretary of State reaffirmed the continuing interest of the United States in further progress toward the elimination of discriminatory trade restrictions on the part of European countries.

6. The Presidents pointed to the joint US-EURATOM nuclear power program as an example of the close collaboration between two of the major scientific and technical communities of the world for the benefit not only of these areas immediately concerned but also for the areas of the world which lack the resources to mount such programs. M. Hirsch reported on the status of this program. He was assured by the United States Government of its continued support and cooperation with a view to insuring the success of this important program for peaceful development of nuclear resources.

7. M. Finet reviewed the development of the European Coal and Steel Community including the present coal situation and noted that the outlook for the immediate future was a continued surplus of European coal. United States representatives expressed concern that certain Community countries had adopted restrictive import measures adversely affecting United States coal exports and urged early removal of these restrictions. M. Finet assured United States representatives that the High Authority is pressing for the removal of restrictions as soon as circumstances permit.

8. The Presidents and the Acting Secretary of State explored the question of establishment in the United States of permanent representation by the European Communities, on a basis comparable to the United States Mission to the European Communities, and the view was expressed that this would facilitate relations between the two parties and would be mutually advantageous. The Acting Secretary of State noted that certain administrative and legislative actions would be necessary on the United States side to enable establishment of such representation should the Communities decide to propose it.

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