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EEC-US TALKS ON AGRICULTURE (M. VASEY)

THE FOLLOWING JOINT PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED IN BRUSSELS ON TUESDAY EVENING

**BEGIN TEXT:** 

A MEETING BETWEEN US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HEADED BY
AMBASSADOR MICHAEL B. SMITH AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
RICHARD LYNG, AND THE COMMISSION REPRESENTED BY DIRECTOR-GENERAL
CLAUDE VILLAIN, TOOK PLACE IN BRUSSELS ON 3 MAY 1983 TO CONTINUE
THEIR EXAMINATION OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURE. SPECIFIC PRODUCTS
DISCUSSED INCLUDED POULTRY, WHEAT, FLOUR, CORN GLUTEN FEED AND
DAIRY PRODUCTS. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DOMESTIC POLICIES AND
PRODUCTION TRENDS WERE ALSO EXAMINED.

THE MEETING WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND PERMITTED A WIDER MEASURE OF UNDERSTANDING ON CERTAIN ISSUES. IT WAS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT JOINT CONCLUSIONS.

END TEXT.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE NEXT MEETING IS PROVISIONALLY SCHEDULED FOR 3RD JUNE IN BRUSSELS AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME LEVEL.

THIS WAS THE THIRD SUCH MEETING BETWEEN COMMISSION AND US OFFICIALS TO SEEK WAYS OF DEALING WITH CURRENT PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITHIN EXISTING SYSTEMS OF AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT, AS AGREED IN DECEMBER DURING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY SCHULZ TO THE COMMISSION (SEE BIO (82)351 SUITE 1). AFTER THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY AND IN BRUSSELS IN FEBRUARY, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO DRAW UP A JOINT REPORT ON THIS WORK SO FAR, INDICATING AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT (SEE BIO (83)75). A FURTHER MEETING TOOK PLACE ON 18 MARCH IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN MM. HAFERKAMP AND DALSAGER FOR THE COMMISSION AND MM. BROCK AND BLOCK FOR THE US ADMINISTRATION WHEN IT WAS AGREED TO PURSUE THE CONVERSATION WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN ACCOMMODATION ON THE PROBLEMS OF AGRICLTURAL TRADE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING POLICIES (SEE BIO (83)138).

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