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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED ON CONCLUSION
OF U. S.-EEC TARIFF TALKS IN BRUSSELS

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 16 -- Following the successful conclusion of the tariff negotiations between representatives of the United States Government and of the Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market), a joint communiqué was issued from Brussels, headquarters of the Common Market where the agreement was reached. Complete text of the communiqué follows:

"A meeting was held at Brussels on January 12, 13, 15 and 16 between an American delegation, led by Howard C. Petersen, special delegate of President Kennedy, assisted by Charles Murphy, Under Secretary of Agriculture, and by Herman Walker, deputy leader of the American delegation at Geneva, in the presence of Ambassador W. Walton Butterworth, U. S. Representative to the European Communities, and a delegation of the European Economic Community, headed by Jean Rey, member of the Commission, assisted by Theodorus Hijzen, head of the Community's delegation in Geneva, and by officials of the Commission.

"At this meeting, the current negotiations were brought to an end and agreement was reached on the outstanding points, which means that the talks between the United States and the European Economic Community concerning the renegotiation of the customs tariff of the EEC (Article XXIV(6) of the General Agreement) and the reciprocal cut in customs tariffs (Dillon negotiations) are now concluded. The relevant documents will be signed as usual in Geneva in the course of the next few days in the context of the multilateral negotiations."

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