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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26 -- The Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market) received the news of President Kennedy's message to Congress regarding the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 with interest and enthusiasm, according to the Spokesman for the Community in Brussels.

President Kennedy's views on the responsibility of the "great powers of the free world" correspond exactly with opinions that have already been expressed by the Commission in its two memoranda of February and September 1959. The Spokesman pointed out that the Community will continue as it has ever since it came into existence in 1958 to approach the problems of international trade with the same liberal spirit.

The Common Market noted with particular interest that President Kennedy has asked for new powers from Congress to authorize him to negotiate tariff reductions across the board on large categories, just as has been the case in operation in the Common Market. The opinion of the Commission is that if the President can obtain these powers, future trade negotiations among the partners of the GATT can proceed from now on much more rapidly and more effectively.

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