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KENNEDY JULY 4TH SPEECH

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 6 -- The European Economic Community today issued a statement hailing President John F. Kennedy's July 4th speech in Philadelphia as "a challenge to accept great opportunities of our age."

The statement, coming from the EEC's Official Spokesman's Group in Brussels, read as follows:

"The declaration made by President Kennedy on Independence Day was received with real satisfaction in the Commission of the European Economic Community.

"In President Kennedy's reference to the historic significance of European progress toward unity and the need to build a free world under just and orderly conditions, the Commission sees more than a renewed affirmation of the European undertaking. President Kennedy's words are also a challenge to accept great opportunities of our age---to move forward swiftly and directly to the achievement of full European unification and thus to lay the foundations of an Atlantic partnership, a partnership which takes into account a responsibility to the entire free world."

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