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HALLSTEIN MAKES STATEMENT AFTER EEC-U.K. MEETING IN BRUSSELS

WASHINGTON, January 29 -- Following is a statement of Mr. Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community, at the last meeting of the Ministerial Conference of the Seven held in Brussels, January 29, 1963:

"According to the method of organization of this Conference, the Commission is the only organ of the European Economic Community which speaks as such.

"In the capacity of Spokesman of this organ, I would like first to express the regret we feel concerning the evolution of the Conference, which does not allow us to continue to negotiate as we had until today.

"The Commission has done all within its power, within the limits of the role which had been assigned to it, and with all the means at its disposal, to make the negotiations succeed, and did so at all the levels at which this Conference took place.

"Consequently, even during the last phase of negotiations--when efforts were made to emerge from difficulties which had arisen, the Commission was ready to do its best to enable negotiations to continue. It agreed, therefore, to the idea of contributing to the continuation of concrete negotiations by presenting a report.

"In the present situation the Commission is faithful to the task assigned to it by the Treaty, of putting forth all its efforts to reduce to a minimum the disadvantageous consequences for the Community itself and, equally, for existing links and relations between the Community and its friends in Europe and in the world.

"As a matter of fact, at this time as always, the Commission is aware that our Community is not an enterprise in the service of the selfish interests of its members, but that it has responsibilities toward others, whose fate is affected by its actions and its omissions."

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