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**KENNEDY PLEDGES "STEADFAST
SUPPORT" OF COMMON MARKET**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 4 -- In an exchange of cablegrams with Professor Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market), President Kennedy stated that the goals of the Treaty of Rome represented "an objective to which the United States will continue to lend its steadfast support." He stated that the United States Government anticipates "close collaboration with the Commission of the European Economic Community."

Texts of the two cables which are being simultaneously released here and in Brussels follow:

President Hallstein to President Kennedy:

"On the occasion of your assumption of office, may I, on my own behalf and on that of the Commission of the European Economic Community, convey our warmest good wishes for the challenging years that lie ahead and for your success in tackling the manifold tasks that face us all. For our part we look forward to a continuing ever more fruitful friendship between the United States and the European Community."

President Kennedy to President Hallstein:

"I deeply appreciate the kind expression of good wishes extended on behalf of yourself and the Commission of the European Economic Community.

"It is my sincere hope that the years to come will see further steady progress toward the goals envisaged by the Treaty of Rome, an objective to which the United States will continue to lend its steadfast support.

"The Government of the United States looks forward to close collaboration with the Commission of the European Economic Community, and to the development of relationships between the European Economic Community and the United States, as well as other countries, which will redound to the benefit of the entire free world."