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COMMON MARKET TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 20, 1967 -- The European Communities Commission and Spain begin the first round of negotiations tomorrow to see whether agreement is possible for a treaty in the spheres of industry and agriculture, the Commission announced today in Brussels.

The Commission will conduct the negotiations in Brussels in the presence of observers from the six member governments and on the basis of the mandate given it by the Council of Ministers on July 11. The mandate concerns the general outlines of an agreement and the possible subject matter for the first stage of a treaty which might result from the talks.

Ambassador Alberto Ullastres Calvo, head of the Spanish mission to the European Communities, will lead the Spanish delegation. Axel Herbst, Director General of the Commission's External Relations Division, will head the Community delegation.

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