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## UNITED STATES-COMMON MARKET TRADE TALKS OPEN IN BRUSSELS

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 20 -- A pre-Christmas round of trade negotiations will begin in Brussels tomorrow morning where representatives of the United States and the Commission of the European Communities will seek an early settlement to short-term problems between the two major trading groups.

Mr. William Eberle, the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, heads the U.S. delegation. The Community's chief representative is Theodorus Hijzen, the Commission's Director General for Trade.

The talks are being held in the Charlemagne building where negotiations were carried out earlier this year for the accession of Britain to membership in the European Community.

The talks follow a U.S. request to deal with specific trade problems vis-a-vis the Community as part of a "package" sought by the U.S. in connection with monetary realignment.

Last week, the Community's Council of Ministers gave a negotiating mandate to the Commission to deal with the U.S. on the basis of "reciprocity and mutual benefit." It said that any agreements reached would be effective only after monetary realignment had been ratified and the U.S.-imposed 10 per cent surtax and other restrictive trade or tax measures adopted or proposed since August 15 had been abolished.

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