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

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 13 -- Trade negotiations between the Commission of the European Communities and the United States resumed today in Brussels.

The first round of trade talks took place the week before Christmas in Brussels and were recessed without any official agreements reached on "short term" trade problems between the two major groups.

The Community's chief representative in the talks is Theodorus Hijzen, the Commission's Director General for Trade. His American counterpart is William Eberle, President Nixon's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations.

The discussions 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.

The Commission of the European Communities has been given a negotiating mandate by the Council of Ministers to bargain with the United States on the basis of "reciprocity and mutual benefit."

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