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## COMMON MARKET STILL OPPOSES SPANISH MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- September 28 -- Common Market Commission President Sicco L. Mansholt has made the following statement on the issue of Spanish membership in the European Communities: "I certainly hope that Spain can become a member of the European Communities some day ....But I do not believe that all the prerequisites of membership have yet been met. That is why I personally see no reason today for the Commission to change its well know attitude toward relations between the Community and Spain."

The statement was made in response to inquiries received after French President Georges Pompidou said he favored Spanish membership in the Communities at a news conference in Paris on September 21.

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