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EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ARRIVES FOR NIXON-KISSINGER TALKS

WASHINGTON, DC, September 28 -- The President of the Commission of the European Communities Francois-Xavier Ortoli arrives in Washington this weekend for talks on Monday with President Richard M. Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. The talks are expected to touch on a broad range of subjects.

President Ortoli will meet with President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger, at the White House, at 11 A.M. on October 1. He will continue talks with Dr. Kissinger at the State Department on the same day.

President Ortoli arrives at Washington's National Airport on Sunday, October 30. He will hold a press conference in the Blair House Reception Room at 4 P.M. on Monday, October 1. Newsmen should show their credentials at the 700 Jackson Place entrance.

The Ambassador of Denmark, Eyvind Bartels, will give a dinner Monday evening at the Danish Embassy for President Ortoli and the Ambassadors of the nine European Community countries. (Denmark is the member country which, until the end of this year, holds the Council of Ministers' presidency which rotates every six months.)

Ortoli departs from Dulles Airport on Tuesday evening.

Members of the delegation accompanying the President of the European Community will be Emile Noel, Secretary General of the Commission, Edmund Wellenstein, Director General for External Affairs, Beniamino Olivi, Spokesman of the Commission, Philippe de Margerie, Chief Executive Assistant to President Ortoli, Pierre Malve, Executive Assistant to the President, and Denis Gautier-Sauvagnac, the President's Counselor for Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Ortoli, born in Corsica on February 16, 1925, has served as Commission President since January 1973. From 1958 to 1961, he was Director General for Internal Market Affairs in the Commission of the European Economic Community. Later, Ortoli headed French Prime Minister Georges Pompidou's personal staff, then served as director of France's five-year development plan from 1966 to 1967. He was French Minister of Finance, 1968-69, and Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development, 1969-72.

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Photos of President Ortoli are available from this office.