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EC VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR TALKS

WASHINGTON, DC, OCTOBER 26 -- European Commission Vice President Christopher Soames arrives in Washington on Sunday, October 28, from Brussels, for regular twice-yearly talks on industrial policy, energy, and trade with Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, Under Secretary of State William J. Casey, and Peter Flanigan, Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs.

Soames, the Commission Member for External Affairs, has a full schedule of talks and working luncheons on Monday, October 29, and Wednesday, October 31. On Tuesday, October 30, he will travel to New York to address a luncheon meeting of the joint Chambers of Commerce of the nine EC Member States at the New York Hilton Hotel.

On November 1, Soames will fly to Ottawa to address a Conference on "Canada and the European Community," organized by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, in cooperation with Canada's Office of External Affairs and the EC Commission. He will also see Canadian Government officials. He departs for Europe November 3.

Accompanying Soames will be: Louis Georges Rabot, Director General for Agriculture; Fernand Spaak, Director General for Energy; Ronald Grierson, Director General for Industrial Affairs; Theodorus Hijzen, Deputy Director General for External Relations; Leslie Fielding, Director for External Relations; David Hannay, Chief Executive Assistant to Soames; Pierre Malve, Executive Assistant to Commission President Francois-Xavier Ortoli; Michel Vanden Abeele, Executive Assistant to Commission Vice President Henri Simonet; Eckehard Loerke, member of the Directorate General for External Relations; Richard Hay, member of Soames' Cabinet; Martin Vasey, member of the Spokesman's Group; Gunter Burghardt, member of the Directorate General for External Relations; Roger Lewis, member of the Directorate General for Industrial Affairs, and Jane Morton, Secretary to Soames.