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BRITAN TO MEET WITH KANTOR, BROWN IN WASHINGTON

Sir Leon Brittan, EC Commission Vice President for External Economic Affairs, will be in Washington September 13-14 for meetings with members of the US Administration and Congress on trade and economic issues.

On the Administration side, Vice President Brittan will meet September 13 with United States Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, and later with US Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. He will meet with Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen on September 14.

On Capitol Hill, Sir Leon's present schedule includes meetings with Senators John Danforth (R-Mo), Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va) and Bob Packwood (R-Ore), as well as with Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo) and Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind).

While in Washington, Sir Leon will receive the Consumers for World Trade (CWT) Award for Distinguished Service in the Cause of Open and Competitive World Trade. Sir Leon will also address the luncheon at which the award will be presented. For information about the event contact: Holly Vineyard, (202) 783-4835.

At 2.15 pm on September 14, Sir Leon will give a Newsmaker press briefing at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW. Members of the press are invited to attend.

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Sir Leon Brittan

Sir Leon Brittan became EC Commissioner for External Trade Relations in January 1993. In his first term as Commissioner, from 1989 to 1992, he was Vice President responsible for Competition and Financial Services.

Sir Leon, who was a Conservative member of the British Parliament from 1974-1988, held several Cabinet posts in the British government after the Conservative victory in the 1979 General Election. He served as Secretary of State for Industry and Trade (1985-1986), Home Secretary (1983-1985), Chief Secretary to the Treasury (1981-1983), and Minister of State at the Home Office (1979-1981).

Sir Leon is also author of numerous publications, including "A New Deal for Health Care" and "Defense and Arms Control in a Changing Era (both 1988).

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Born in London on September 25, 1939, Sir Leon was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was a Henry Fellow at Yale University. In 1962, he was called to the Bar and in 1978 received the prestigious appointment as Queen's Counsel. In 1983, he became a member of the governing board of the Inner Temple, one of London's four unincorporated legal societies.

The US has always interested Sir Leon. From 1970 to 1978, he was a member of the European North American Committee. He studied at Yale and represented his home university, Cambridge, in a debating tour of the US in 1960. Sir Leon is married and has two stepdaughters. He was knighted in January 1989.

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