

**TOP EC/US OFFICIALS TO MEET IN BRUSSELS**

Top officials of the European Community and the United States will meet the morning of December 21 in Brussels for discussion on political and economic issues.

Jacques Delors, President of the 17-member EC Commission, and James A. Baker, US Secretary of State, will head their delegations to the biannual EC-US Ministerial Meeting. Also representing the EC will be Commission Vice-President Frans Andriessen, responsible for External Relations and Trade, and Commissioner Ray MacSharry, responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development. The US delegation will include Edward Madigan, US Secretary of Agriculture, and Carla Hills, US Trade Representative.

Topics expected to be covered are the situation of the Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, environmental issues, GATT Uruguay Round, Yugoslavia, Middle East, Europe after Maastricht, and the economic situation.

The Ministerial Meetings were initiated in 1981 and institutionalized in the November 1990 Transatlantic Declaration.

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