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**PRESIDENT NIXON REAFFIRMS SUPPORT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN
MESSAGE TO COMMISSION PRESIDENT DESIGNATE FRANCO MALFATTI**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 22 -- President Richard M. Nixon today reaffirmed U.S. support for the strengthening and enlargement of the European Community. Following is President Nixon's message to the newly appointed President of the European Communities Commission Franco Maria Malfatti:

"As you assume the presidency of the Commission of the European Community, I want to congratulate you on your new office and assure you of my firm support for the strengthening and enlargement of the European Community. You may be confident, too, of our determination to maintain the close and friendly relations that have always existed between the Community and the United States."

The new Commission of the European Communities, appointed by the Governments of the member states on May 29, 1970, will take office on July 2. It will be made up as follows: President, Franco Maria Malfatti (Italy); Vice Presidents: Raymond Barre (France); Wilhelm Haferkamp (Germany); Sicco L. Mansholt (the Netherlands); Members: Albert Borschette (Luxembourg); Albert Coppé (Belgium); Ralf Dahrendorf (Germany); Jean-François Deniau (France); and Giorgio Smoquina (Italy). The President and the Vice Presidents have been appointed for two-year terms. Members have been appointed for terms of four years.

President Nixon also sent the following message to outgoing President of the Commission Jean Rey:

"As your presidency of the Commission of the European Communities draws to a close, I want to pay tribute to the positive role you have played in European and world affairs. Europe's progress toward the historic objective of unity owes much to your untiring efforts.

"Your dedication to the building of a stronger Europe and to preserving the close and fruitful relations that have so long existed between the European Community and the United States has my profound respect."

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