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HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ACCEPTS INVITATION TO VISIT
COMMON MARKET

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 5 -- The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee has accepted an invitation to visit Common Market headquarters in Brussels during November to discuss major issues concerning the United States and Europe.

Ways and Means chairman Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., received a formal invitation from the Commission of the European Communities Wednesday. The entire Ways and Means committee -- one of the most powerful legislative units in the House -- was invited to visit with the Commission November 3rd through 5th.

Chairman Mills announced acceptance of the invitation at noon today, subject to the entire House's approval of his Committee going abroad.

In Brussels, the Commission issued a statement declaring that the visit would permit a candid exchange of views between the committee and Commission on the major issues of the day and was part of long-standing intensification of relations between the United States and the Common Market.

No agenda has yet been set, but it is expected that trade matters will dominate the talks.

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