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HAFERKAMP TO LEAD EC DELEGATION FOR HIGH-LEVEL U.S.-EC TALKS

Wilhelm Haferkamp, vice president of the Commission of the European Communities and the commissioner responsible for external relations, will lead a delegation of European Community officials who are to arrive in Washington this weekend for next week's session of twice-yearly high-level consultations with the United States government.

The talks, to be held at the State Department, will begin Monday, November 7, and conclude Wednesday, November 9.

Haferkamp and other members of the delegation will meet with Special Trade Representative Robert Strauss, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Richard Cooper, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs George Vest, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs Anthony M. Solomon and other U.S. officials. Meetings with Congressional and labor leaders are also planned.

The planned topics for discussion will encompass the U.S., European Community and global economic and trade situation as well as energy and nuclear issues in Europe and the United States. Special working groups will explore current U.S.-EC relations on trade, the status of the multilateral trade negotiations, the steel problem and North/South coordination.

Viscount Etienne Davignon, commissioner in charge of industrial affairs and responsible for the Community's steel program, will participate in those aspects of the talks involving industrial affairs.

Other officials in the European Community party are: Sir Roy Denman, director general of external relations; Franz Froschmaier, Haferkamp's chief of staff; Josephus Loeff, Manfred Gaspari and Eckehard Loerke, all of the external relations staff; Hugo Paemen, Davignon's chief of staff; Pierre Defraigne and Fernand Braun, industrial affairs; Leonard Williams, energy; Jean Durieux, development; and Manfred Wegner, economic and financial affairs.

Haferkamp and Cooper will hold a joint press conference at the State Department at noon Tuesday, and Haferkamp will hold a separate briefing at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the residence of Fernand Spaak, head of delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, at 2534 Belmont Road, N.W. Davignon will hold a briefing for journalists specifically interested in steel questions at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the delegation headquarters, Suite 707, 2100 M Street N.W.

On Thursday evening in New York, Haferkamp will make a major speech on trade policy at a dinner for business and banking leaders.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -- NOVEMBER, 1977

(All events are located in Brussels unless otherwise noted)

November 7 - 8	U.S./EC High-level consultations (Washington, D.C.); Commission Vice-President Haferkamp, in charge of External Affairs, and Commissioner Davignon, in charge of Internal Markets and Industrial Affairs.
November 7 - 8	Council on Agriculture
November 14 - 18	European Parliament (Strasbourg)
November 21	Council on Economics and Finance
November 21 - 22	Foreign Affairs Council
November 22	Council on the Budget
November 28	Development Council