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BACKGROUND NOTE

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AIDS HOUSING FOR HANDICAPPED

Twenty apartments will be especially fitted for handicapped students at Bonn University with the help of a grant from the European Community.

This was one of five pilot projects and four pilot studies designed to help the handicapped and chosen for Community aid today by the EC Commission. Together, these projects and studies, concentrating on ways of adapting handicapped persons' homes to their special needs, will receive a nonrepayable Community grant of 450,000 units of account (one UA equals \$1.20635). This is the first time the Community has granted aid for housing outside the coal and steel industry.

The other projects to be financed are:

- the adaptation of 33 existing dwellings and 63 new dwellings in Evry, near Paris, with a grant of UA 180,134
- the provision of barrier-free accommodations to break down the psychological isolation of 20 handicapped persons in Dahlheim, Luxembourg, with a grant of UA 120,000
- the apartments for the 20 students at Bonn University and 35 apartments for schooleavers, connected with a nearby medical and welfare center, with a grant of UA 54,645
- a "halfway house" between the hospital and home for 20 adults suffering from cerebral palsy with a grant of UA 19,678

The five pilot studies will be done in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Italy, Denmark, and Ireland with a grant of UA 41,436. The studies will address technical problems, such as access ramps and adaptable facilities for kitchens and bathrooms.