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HAFERKAMP, STRAUSS, USHIBA, WARREN TO MEET PRESS TUESDAY

Wilhelm Haferkamp, vice president of the European Community's Commission and its external relations commissioner, will join U.S. Special Trade Representative Robert S. Strauss and Japan's Minister for External Economic Affairs Nobuhiko Ushiba next week as speakers at a two-day international conference in Washington, D.C., on international trade and investment.

During the two days of the conference, Haferkamp, Strauss and Ushiba will also be involved in intensive negotiations leading up to the mid-July deadline that the European Community, the United States, Japan and other world trading countries are trying to meet for a framework agreement on multilateral trade. Canadian trade negotiator J.H. Warren will also take part in the talks. The trade package, which will formulate world trading rules for the next decade, is expected to reduce tariffs significantly and allow gradual removal of non-tariff barriers, thereby guarding against the renewed threat of protectionism that international trade experts agree would worsen the economic outlook.

The conference on "Balancing Economic Interests" is to be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel and is cosponsored by the National Journal and Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on International Finance.

The conference will be opened at 9 a.m. Monday, June 19, by Senator Stevenson. Haferkamp is to address the Monday luncheon, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Strauss will speak later in the day, at a cocktail meeting between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ushiba will be the featured speaker at the Tuesday luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. The three trade experts will then take part in a panel discussion from 2 to 4 p.m. on "What Next in International Trade?"

Attendance at the conference meetings will be confined to registrants, but a news conference open to all press will be held by Haferkamp, Strauss, Ushiba and Canadian coordinator for multilateral trade negotiations J.H. Warren at the conclusion of the conference. The press conference will take place at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Washington Hilton. For further information, contact Barbara Bright-Sagnier, European Community, 862-9500.