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U.S.-ECSC HIGH AUTHORITY DISCUSS COMMUNITY STEEL TARIFF

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 9 --- The High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community and United States representatives met today to discuss the proposed increase in the steel tariffs of the Six to the present Italian level of nine per cent.

On December 3, the ECSC Council of Ministers postponed a decision to raise the external tariff on steel to a uniform level for the Six, while instructing the High Authority to consult with "traditional foreign suppliers of steel" to the Community. In accordance with this mandate, the executive branch of the ECSC met with the United States today and will meet with United Kingdom representatives tomorrow and Austrian representatives on December 16.

These and other meetings, yet to be scheduled, are being conducted in Luxembourg. The Council of Ministers will consider on January 7, 1964, the results of the High Authority's consultations.

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