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On the proposal of the Secretary General, the Council of Ministers of the European Communities has appointed two Directors General at the General Secretariat of the Council.

They are Mr. Ernst WOHLFARTH, Jurisconsult to the Council, until now a Director General in a personal capacity, who will direct the Legal Department of the General Secretariat, and Mr. E.R. VON GELDERN, a Director General at the Commission of the European Communities (Euratom), who succeeds Mr. G. BALKENSTEIN on the latter's appointment to another post in the Netherlands.

Mr. Ernst WOHLFARTH was born at Kanazawa (Japan) in 1913 and studied at the Universities of Kiel and Berlin. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1939, has held various diplomatic posts, and participated in several missions, and also in the negotiations on the Treaties setting up the E.E.C. and Euratom, as a German delegate on the Legal Committee.

Having taken up his duties with the General Secretariat of the Councils at Brussels in October 1958 as co-Director of the Legal Department, Mr. Wohlfarth was appointed Director General, in a personal capacity, on 1 January 1962. He is the author of numerous publications and in particular part author of "Die Europäische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft" by Wohlfarth, Everling, Glaesner and Sprung.

Mr. E.R. VON GELDERN was born at Maastricht in 1911, and took higher degrees in public law and civil law. Called to the bar at Maastricht in 1935, he became a specialised advocate in industrial, commercial and mining law and then, from 1946 to 1960, an adviser to PHILIPS of Eindhoven and, from 1960, Director General of the Directorate General for Industry and Economics at the Euratom Commission. Under his direction the first target programme for nuclear energy was initiated and the methods for assisting the nuclear industry to get under way, from the Euratom aspect, were drawn up.

Mr. Von Geldern will head Directorate General C (Internal market, general - Common Market in steel - Transport).
