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EEC PRESIDENT ENDS 12-DAY U. S. VISIT

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 25 -- "Understanding between Europe and America is at a new high tide," Dr. Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market), said as he left the United States early this morning to return to the Common Market headquarters in Brussels. He said he was heartened by the strong support for the Common Market assured him during his talks here.

For the past 12 days, President Hallstein has visited Washington, New York, and Cambridge, Mass., speaking with leaders of government, labor, industry and education. After a 40-minute meeting between Presidents Hallstein and Kennedy on May 16, the White House issued a communique stating that "the President took the occasion to reaffirm the strong support of the U. S. Government for the European Economic Community and the movement toward European integration."

Besides the President, Dr. Hallstein also held discussions with Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges, and Acting Secretary of State Chester Bowles, among others. In New York he visited United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Mayor Robert Wagner, and in Cambridge he met with faculty members of Harvard University and Fellows of Harvard's Center for International Affairs.

"I conclude from my talks," President Hallstein said at the airport, "that the United States is prepared not only to continue its steadfast support of the European Economic Community but to make further contributions -- we might even say sacrifices -- to advance the political integration of Europe."

The full text of President Hallstein's statement follows:

"I now close a visit of 12 days to the United States and though it may sound strange, I do not feel that I return to something distant and detached from America. More so than ever before, the European who comes here to talk with government officials and citizens goes away deeply impressed with a new sense of communion with America.

"America and Europe, of course, have been linked in common endeavor throughout the postwar period. But during that time the forces that would split us apart have grown more powerful. Fortunately, the logic which impels us to ever closer collaboration has been given proportionate recognition and is now at a new high tide. It is personified in President Kennedy who sees the issues in clear perspective and, personally and through his Administration, is making a magnificent effort to tighten the lines of the Atlantic alliance.

"I conclude from my talks that the United States is prepared not only to continue its steadfast support of the European Economic Community but to make further contributions -- we might even say sacrifices -- to advance the political integration of Europe. The communique issued in behalf of President Kennedy and myself goes directly to this point:

"It recognizes that the European Economic Community and the Treaty that established it hold the pre-eminent potential for unity in Europe.

"On a more personal side, I have been heartened by a still growing comprehension here of the goals and achievements of the European Economic Community. Citizens in government, business and labor circles are coming to understand that what we seek is economic and political strength and freer world trade. We are not constricting world commerce but expanding it, as I have had the opportunity to stress.

"These are some of the reasons why I say that the communion of understanding between Europe and America is at a new high tide, and why the distance between Europe and America has grown encouragingly short.

"I want finally to express my sincere thanks for the hospitality with which you have received me again, and for the very friendly spirit I encountered everywhere, making it possible to discuss every issue where our common responsibilities meet."