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## EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PRESIDENTS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT BUSH

Prime Minister of Luxembourg Jacques Santer and E.C. Commission President Jacques Delors will meet U.S. President George Bush in Washington April 11 for the first of the twice-yearly presidential visits established by the Transatlantic Declaration which the United States and the European Community signed in November 1990. Jacques Santer is acting President of the European Council of Ministers (Luxembourg currently holds the rotating E.C. Council Presidency).

Santer and Delors will meet President Bush and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker at the White House April 11 for an official working visit to discuss a range of political issues including the implementation of the Transatlantic Declaration itself, the Middle East in the wake of the Gulf War, the Uruguay Round, specific E.C.-U.S. bilateral trade issues, and developments in the E.C., Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

**At 2 pm, April 11, Presidents Santer and Delors will give a joint press conference in the Main Lounge of the National Press Club, 14 & F Streets N.W., Washington DC, 20045. Members of the press are invited to attend.**

Before returning to Europe, Presidents Santer and Delors will meet on April 12 in Ottawa with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for the first of top level joint visits set out in the E.C.- Canada Declaration, also signed last November.

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### Jacques Santer

Jacques Santer has been Prime Minister of Luxembourg since 1984. Since his reelection in 1989, he is also Minister of Treasury and Minister of Cultural Affairs. In his first term (1984 to 1989), he served additionally as Minister of Finance and Telecommunications.

A Doctor of Laws and a graduate of the Institute of Political Science (Paris), Santer has been involved in the highest levels of European as well as national politics most of his professional life. He is currently President of the E.C.'s rotating Council Presidency, a position he also occupied in 1985. In 1980, he chaired the Council's meetings on Finance and Social Affairs while he was Luxembourg's Minister for Finance, Labor and Social Security (1979-1984).

He was appointed to a four-year term at the European Parliament in 1974 and served as an EP Vice President from 1975 to 1977. A member of the Christian Social Party, Santer also served as State Secretary for Social Security and Cultural Affairs from 1972 to 1974. His first major appointment in national politics was to the Cabinet for Labor and Social Security from 1965 to 1972, during which time he was also Parliamentary Secretary and Secretary-General of the Christian Social Party. He served as President of the party in 1974.

Prime Minister Santer was born May 18, 1937, in Luxembourg. He is married, and has two children.

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Jacques Delors

Jacques Delors was first appointed President of the E.C. Commission in January 1985. Many of the instruments crucial to the 1992 program - the White Paper, the Single European Act, budgetary reform - were introduced during his first term. Based on this success, his mandate for a second term starting January 1989 was renewed at the meeting of European Heads of State in Hanover in 1988.

Before becoming President of the Commission, Delors served as Minister of Finance in the French Government from 1981 to 1984. A member of the Central Committee of the French Socialist Party, Delors was also Town Councillor, and later Mayor, of Clichy from 1983 to 1984. From 1979 to 1981, Delors was a Member of the European Parliament, where he was Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, an area to which he has devoted much attention as President of the Commission. He held several positions with the Bank of France, including Member of the General Council from 1973 to 1979. He was also Secretary-General for the Interdepartmental Committee for Vocational Training and Social Advancement from 1969 to 1973.

Jacques Delors was born July 20, 1925. He is married to Marie Lephaille and has a daughter, Martine.

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