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MEMORANDUM TO GEORGE REEDY

SUBJECT: Vice President's Visit to Benelux, November 4-9,
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The enclosed basic records of the Vice President's trip to Benelux are for his files:

1. REPORTING TELEGRAMS:

A. LUXEMBOURG

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
178	11/5/63	Vice President meets with Prime Minister and Foreign Minister for brief discussion
179	11/5/63	Vice President meets with ECSC High Authority Acting President for discussion of US and ECSC relations
51	11/5/63	Ambassador Rivkin's summary of Luxembourg visit

B. THE HAGUE

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
88	11/7/63	Ambassador Rice's note of appreciation for Vice President's visit to The Hague
769	11/7/63	Verbatim text of aide memoire on shipping, handed to Vice President by Netherlands' Foreign Minister

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B. THE HAGUE (Continued)

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92	11/9/63	Summary of visit to Netherlands

C. BRUSSELS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
684	11/8/63	Vice President and Ambassador call on Prime Minister
685	11/8/63	Vice President's meeting with Foreign Minister, regarding ANC retraining
686	11/8/63	Vice President's meeting with Foreign Minister and Finance Minister, regarding Soviet gold outlet
687	11/8/63	Vice President's meeting with Foreign Minister, regarding steel tariffs
688	11/8/63	Vice President's meeting with Foreign Minister regarding grain prices
ECBUS 635	11/9/63	Summary of European Community Aspects Vice President's Visit Benelux
ECBUS 634	11/9/63	Vice President's meeting with EEC Commission Vice President
692	11/10/63	Vice President's meeting with King

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693	11/10/63	Vice President's discussion of Broad Range of Foreign Policy Problems with Ambassador, Foreign Minister Spaak, Finance Minister Dequae and Ambassador Rothschild
ECBUS 633	11/10/63	Vice President's meeting with Euratom Commissioner regarding contribution by Euratom to European unity and Atlantic Partnership
ECBUS 631	11/10/63	Ambassador Tuthill's appreciation of Vice President's visit
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660	11/8/63	Message of appreciation from Secretary Rusk to Vice President

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Following his warm reception at airport, Vice President accompanied Prime Minister Werner to latter's office where FONMIN and Ambassador joined in brief discussion topics of mutual interest.

Prime Minister opened by stressing value of high level exchange of views during present period of active discussions of European unity and relations with US. He noted GOL belief that Atlantic partnership essential and its desire to strengthen Atlantic relationship.

Vice President noted his visit Luxembourg first ever by US President or Vice President and paid tribute to importance of Atlantic Alliance and Integrated Europe in USG thinking. He emphasized high priority President giving to these two themes. Vice President reminded his hearers of great success of Grand Duchess' recent visit to US, expressed US appreciation for Luxembourg's constructive role in movement for European unity and in NATO, and stated purpose of his visit was to remind BENELUX countries of US dedication to concept of European Union and Atlantic partnership.

Prime Minister stated GOL in full accord with views expressed by Vice President and commended the realism and understanding reflected by his statements. He pointed out Luxembourg though small

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small has advantage of being an unprejudiced country that is able to work among the larger and less flexible European Powers for improved understanding. Vice President interjected that in these matters it was quality rather than quantity that counted. Prime Minister then reaffirmed GOL belief in a strong and coherent European community and promised to work toward building it.

Vice President then turned to subject of forthcoming round GATT negotiations and emphasized President had committed all prestige of his office and administration to passage of TEA and that USG looked forward to this effort bearing fruit in Kennedy Round. He categorically denied that US inclined to defer GATT negotiations and stated that on contrary Trade negotiations had highest priority. Foreign Minister acknowledged vital importance Kennedy Round, but Prime Minister noted that there were complex internal problems for the European participants. Foreign Minister suggested that since requisite goodwill existed on both sides, necessary concessions could be made by both sides.

Vice President then turned to areas of East-West confrontation, stressing US caution in negotiations with Soviets. He suggested that following Test Ban Treaty and possible sale of wheat to Soviets, an opportunity existed for decisive demonstration by Soviets that their views have changed. US, he said, was ready if Soviets demonstrated bona fide desire for friendship and coexistence, but US equally prepared if Soviets instead endeavored to provoke hostility. Following sobering Cuban confrontation and Soviet wackdown there is possibility that Soviets may have changed views in direction of coexistence but recent events on Berlin Autobahn are sharp reminder that this remains to be established.

Vice President noted that search for peace a constant concern of Kennedy administration which always vigilant to explore actively but with appropriate caution any avenues that appear.

On subject South Vietnam he mentioned that US watching actions of new government carefully and stressed US hopes that new government might avoid the previous government's weaknesses in prosecuting the war against the Viet Cong and its ill-advised religious repression.

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In conclusion Vice President summed up US view that Soviets could have our friendship by earning it or our hostility by provoking it.

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Following MEMCON cleared with Vice President:

Vice President Johnson met November 4 with ECSC High Authority Acting President Albert Wehrer for cordial and animated discussion of US and ECSC relations. Focus was on economic policy matters particularly currently active question of steel tariffs. Also present were High Authority members Fritz Hellwig and Johannes Linthorst Homan. On US side were Ambassador to European community John Tuthill and aide Lee Stull.

President Wehrer greeted Vice President warmly with statement of appreciation for early and continuing US support to ECSC. That cooperation, he said, has helped prepare "basis on which we determined establish an Atlantic partnership." President Wehrer noted impetus to that partnership of Kennedy round and, in this connection, stressed decisive importance of close cooperation between US and Europe in treating many complex problems involved. President Wehrer expressed special gratitude for Vice President's visit as "symbol of continuous and unfailing support of US for cause of European unity".

Vice President Johnson thanked President Wehrer for cordial greeting. He said that as first Vice President of US to visit Luxembourg he

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Luxembourg he comes with strong interest and desire to meet with people and learn about their country. Vice President then underlined vital importance of Europe and US working together for success of Kennedy round tariff negotiations. He pointed to strenuous and successful efforts of Kennedy administration to pass Trade Expansion Act last year. Developing this point, he said we hope to see fruits of those efforts in months to come and are confident we shall if countries concerned will work shoulder to shoulder together. Vice President affirmed that US Government has abandoned protectionism as policy of past and looks forward to day when trade flows freely. This connection, he stressed importance of trade to encouraging friendly relations among countries, because, "I know if we trade and work together, we are less likely to fight together".

President Wehrer said steel imports from countries with price-fixing policies like Austria, Japan, United Kingdom had raised a tariff problem which ECSC is currently studying. He expressed hope that whatever is decided by ECSC countries will only be a temporary measure, while Kennedy round negotiations would produce more permanent solutions. He noted that ECSC is in touch with member country delegations and expects to know in a few days what can be done concerning this difficult problem.

Vice President Johnson interjected that he well understood difficulties of such matters. In this regard, Vice President cited passage of Trade Expansion Act as one of the most difficult achievements in this field. However, "we must bigger exchanges of goods or we will have bigger exchanges of troubles." President Wehrer pointed to necessity of competing with protected steel industries. However, he agreed US steel industry is in same boat. Also he seemed impressed by Vice President's affirmation that US knows its future is not bound up solely in our fifth states, and by truth of adage, "if we don't hang together we'll hang

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separately." President Wehrer remarked that real problem is prices and not quantities. Citing annual losses totaling \$700 million for the "Six," he said ECSC hopes Kennedy round will achieve unification of steel prices.

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Vice President Johnson implied it might be better for ECSC to wait for Kennedy round before acting on Steel Tariffs. Ambassador Tuthill picked this up and expressed hope there will be some ECSC consultation with other interested parties before making any arrangements on imports. President Wehrer said ECSC has been actively considering steel question for some weeks and will consult with other countries most involved, i. e., US, UK, Austria and Japan. He added that ECSC already has been in touch with some countries. He cited Japan where an agreement has been reached to discontinue that country's "aggressive export policies." As result, prices have been maintained, he said. For other countries in East, President Wehrer said, there are agreements not to import more than provided in commercial agreements. He concluded that while relations in these cases are good for time being, we are still in difficult period.

Vice President Johnson reassured President Wehrer with the assertion that, "good trusting friends can always find a way and we must do it." Ambassador Tuthill noted that difficulty with "temporary measures" of King apparently envisaged by ECSC is that they could have unfortunate repercussions. President Wehrer agreed but added that some harmonization in tariff levels must be obtained. Mr. Hellwig commented that basic problem is excess steel capacity. President Wehrer heartily agreed noting that world steel capacity is 455 million

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tons while consumption is only 370 million tons. Vice President Johnson deplored this economic waste. However he turned the negative argument around to suggest positively that basic problem may well be one of more development to create greater demand and more markets for steel products. With that thought and after a cordial farewell Vice President Johnson left President Wehrer.

Comment:

USEC Mission is much gratified with Vice President's vigorous presentation of US position. It most advantageous at this critical junction in Steel Tariff question. Personal reiteration of US view at Vice Presidential level, should give pause to tariff proponents. USEC will make every effort to follow up Vice President's initiative.

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Vice President's official visit Luxembourg can be characterized as great success. Large and enthusiastic crowd greeted him wherever he went and local press, radio and television gave wider coverage than was given even grand duchess state visit Washington last April.

Private meetings with Government of Luxembourg leaders were cordial and useful with Vice President cogently and effectively presenting United States Government views.

Both Werner and Schaus remarked not only their personal satisfaction but emphasized how "flattered" was Luxembourg by this official manifestation of attention and regard.

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Personal for Vice President Johnson from Ambassador.

We are preparing a full assessment but I did not want another moment to pass without telling you how really fine your visit to Holland was. We are receiving a flow of wonderfully favorable reports both official and public, but I know personally that in three short days you have boosted US interests and our Mission to Holland immeasurably and we are most grateful. Wayne joins me in best wishes to you and Mrs. Johnson for the balance of your trip.

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There follows verbatim text of aide memoire on shipping, handed to Vice President Johnson by Netherlands Foreign Minister Luns. The document was presented to the Vice President without discussion during his visit of November 6 with the Foreign Minister.

The paper expresses Dutch concern at US shipping legislation.

Text. The developments in maritime shipping relations between the US and the Netherlands are of great concern to the Netherlands authorities. Representations on shipping matters have been made with the United States Government on many occasions; however, to no effect. On those occasions the United States Government's attention was drawn to its cargo preference laws which, in the opinion of the Netherlands Government, impede the free use of international shipping facilities. This results in the uneconomic operation of ships and consequently to higher freight rates, which - instead of furthering international commerce - will hamper it.

The Netherlands Government wishes to draw attention to the fact that the American example with regard to cargo preference is being used by various developing countries with a non-viable merchant marine, as well as by eastern bloc countries, as an excuse to

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justify their own direction of commercial cargo to national flag-ships to the detriment of all maritime nations including the US. In this respect it may be noted that the US as well as other maritime nations have taken a strong stand against flag discrimination elsewhere in the world.

Furthermore, the Netherlands Government still feels concerned at the way in which the United States Government - by passing law PL 87-346 - is attempting unilaterally to regulate the operation of liner shipping. The international shipping industry is by its very nature multilateral. Therefore that law and its implementation are regarded as harmful to the developments of sound international relations. Moreover, the Netherlands Government is of the opinion that the manner in which PL 87-346 is being administered places a heavy burden on the shipping companies concerned. The law is an impediment to the efficient operation of their liner services, which in turn may be injurious to international commerce.

The above situation causes great concern to the Netherlands Government, the more so because the Netherlands shipping industry constitutes such an important factor in the country's economy. End verbatim text.

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Following unusually warm welcome at military airport Tuesday, Vice President and Ambassador called on Prime Minister Marijnen at his office in The Hague.

On Vice President's invitation Marijnen discussed recent settlement of wage difficulties by agreement between labor and industry which resulting in substantial wage increase. He said wage increase would bring Netherlands rate to same plane as other EEC countries and would reduce present outflow of Netherland's labor to Belgium and Germany. Prime Minister noted that his country still faced with labor shortage which being met by inflow of Italian, Spanish, Yugoslav and even Turkish workers.

Vice President then outlined U.S. Government's view of present east-west relations. Noting that the ratification of the test ban treaty entailed a major administration effort, he described the ratification vote as an overwhelming endorsement. Nevertheless, Vice President stressed, the U.S. intended to keep its guard up; President Kennedy very cautious and resolved to give Soviets opportunity to earn our friendship, while aware Soviets might choose to provoke our hostility by their actions. Vice President emphasized U.S. determination to bend every effort to search for peace, but to conduct search from position of strength. Reminding Prime Minister that current Autobahn

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convoy hold-up by Soviets gives cause for doubt of Soviets' peaceful intentions, Vice President stressed the necessity for the world to find a way to live together in peace. Marijnen agreed test ban treaty held out hope of possibility of east-west settlement, but emphatically agreed hope remained very much to be realized. Prime Minister mentioned recent profitable talks with Ambassador Blumenthal re forthcoming Kennedy Round Vice President emphasized size of effort made by U.S. Government to pass Trade Expansion Act and pointed to TEA as evidence of U.S. decision to further exchange of goods, ideas and people and its determination to remove trade barriers to maximum degree possible. Marijnen explained that Netherlands historically favored free trade and stated his firm hope for success of GATT negotiations. Noting that many problems remained to be solved, particularly in agricultural field, he affirmed belief that since political good will is present there is good ground for hope of a favorable outcome.

Ambassador Rice pointed to fortune of Netherlands in having former Agricultural Minister Marijnen as Prime Minister during crucial period for formulation of common agricultural policy by EEC. Marijnen recalled his meetings with Secretary of Agriculture Freeman and expressed great interest in the U.S. food and agriculture exhibition.

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Following memorandum conversation cleared with Vice President:

Vice President Johnson met November 5 at The Hague with Netherlands Foreign Minister Jmeh Luns for nearly hour of most cordial discussion concerning: (A) Kennedy Round negotiations; (B) multinational nuclear force; (C) Berlin and (D) east-west relations - as well as several other topics in less detail. An aide-memoire on shipping was submitted without discussion by Minister Luns and has been reported separately in Embassy telegram 769. Also present at meeting were Baron S.J. van Tuyll van Serooskeercken, Secretary General, Foreign Office; Baron Jag Devos van Steenwijk, Director General of Political Affairs, Foreign Office; and C. Vreede, Director of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Foreign Office. On US side were Ambassador Rice, DCM Howe and aide Lee Stull.

A. Kennedy Round

Minister Luns greeted Vice President warmly with statement of appreciation for Vice President's speech of previous evening which he characterized as "good one -- short and to the point".

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With Vice President's approval, he then opened discussion with presentation of Dutch views on Kennedy Round negotiations in context of relations between US and Western Europe.

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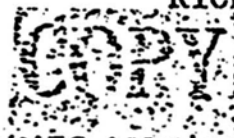
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here interjected note of appreciation for this consistent
support of Netherlands to common European defense.

Vice President expressed his strong hope
Netherlands would see way clear to participate this impor-
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Vice President inquired what alternative Dutch
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see to proposed multinational force.

Ambassador Rice pointed out MLF is doubly justified not only as vital multinational organization in which the nations could participate politically, but also as valuable and even essential military weapon designed compensate for increasing obsolescence of manned aircraft and limited utility and flexibility of fixed missile sites. Ambassador noted that, while MLF had been initially supported primarily for political reasons, it increasingly evident that military value of force would itself be sufficient justification.

Vice President greeted this announcement with enthusiasm and underlined hope Dutch would join MLF talks. Ambassador Rice added that Netherlands certainly should be associated with any such force.

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Mr. Howe suggested it might be possible to move ahead to reconcile on technical level differing Dutch and U.S. views on military value of MLF as identified by Foreign Minister and Ambassador Rice.

Vice President reiterated to Minister Luns that the U.S. is very proud and heartened by close association with Netherlands in NATO and by fine Dutch record in that organization. He said we gratified to learn Netherlands may join MLF. Vice President then pointed to our wish make Kennedy Round negotiations successful and our intention to spare no effort to do so. He observed that President Kennedy put great effort into passing of TEA last year and considers it one of most significant achievements of his administration. Vice President said we most hopeful it will be possible for Common Market countries, perhaps with Dutch leadership, to give their representatives authority make Kennedy Round negotiations meaningful. He noted in passing and with humor that we are hopeful chicken dispute being resolved satisfactorily. Vice President expressed appreciation for Dutch help in maintaining necessary isolation of Cuba and cited this regard admirable restraint of KLM airline and Dutch shipping interests.

C. Berlin.

Vice President remarked that while he would like to say more about many Dutch contributions, he had come to Holland to learn about views of Dutch and wished to hear out Foreign Minister. He would, however, particularly in view of most recent stoppage on Berlin route, like to comment briefly that

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subject. Vice President stated our position on Berlin not changed; we have clear right of access to Berlin and intend exercise same. He noted had been in close touch with Washington on subject and could assure Foreign Minister U.S. had not altered its procedures on Autobahn. He pointed to necessity such convoys to U.S. presence Berlin. Our position based firmly on strength, Vice President said, and we intend to keep our guard up. If Soviets wish our cooperation, it is there to be earned; if they wish our hostility it can be provoked, he said. Reference to his speech of previous evening, Vice President remarked it simple truth that Soviet hands that signed atomic test ban are same hands which are poised over push buttons of missiles aimed at Europe and U.S.

D. East-West Relations.

In discussing east-west confrontation, Vice President stressed need for caution in dealing with Soviets while at same time remaining tireless in search for peace. He suggested that after Cuba and test ban treaty, and given discussed wheat sale, certain possibilities may exist for progress in relations with Soviets. He underlined, however, that U.S. not overly optimistic in this regard, but will nonetheless continue to do everything possible. One thing world had not yet learned, Vice President added, is how to live to live together peacefully, and this we must do. Vice President pointed out that MLF of vital importance this regard as are moves within Common Market toward negotiation tariffs with U.S. Vice President stressed anew that U.S. very happy about particularly close and cordial relationship working these matters with GON.

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Vice President interjected that had indeed done the trick and Minister Luns agreed it had. Our military divisions are in Europe to stay, Vice President said. With Big Lift we're trying to demonstrate there are not only six divisions in Europe, but more can be quickly transported here. Instead of provoking doubt, that exercise should give reassurance to Europe.

Minister Luns observed that it can be understood then that U.S. remains positive toward European integration. Vice President vigorously agreed and followed up with own note of appreciation for progressive Dutch role in foreign economic aid. He noted that U.S. had been active in field for over seventeen years and we certainly appreciated and are pleased Netherlands is one of enlightened countries willing and able to share in that effort.

Vice President observed that Kennedy administration is going thru difficult period on foreign aid in Congress. In this regard he said President Kennedy faces one of his most important legislative crises to date. President, he said, has asked for \$4.5 billion and faces \$1.5 billion cut.

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Foreign Minister Luns handed Vice President, without discussion, the aide memoire concerning shipping restrictions reported Embassy's telegram 769.

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TRADE AGREEMENTS.

During conversation with vice President (separately reported) Fontin Luns discussed subject in detail noting at end the fact of his candid discussion with US indicative of degree of crisis. Results of EEC ministerial he had just come from chairing differ with US views.

A. although Dutch themselves have very positive views on Kennedy Round, common market has not advanced too far in preparation. MTG discussed for first time mandate for negot and initial proposal would be for thirty-10 formula which Luns noted US would not like.

GON had ready to present paper proposing free mandate to commission but did not table it when French Fontin Giscard D Estaing argued hard and discouragingly but in end indicated willingness for commission to take soundings of US position

B. agric is basic difficulty and CAP still not decided with fundamental French-German differences. Ever present threat French might break up common market if Germans too difficult although Luns himself believes French would never sabotage common market. On other hand he and others remain fearful French will exact maximum concession in achieving CAP and then wreck trade agreements.

C. Luns firmly believes agric must be involved in trade negots, but doubts CAP can be adequately agreed upon before the trade negots and this is main hurdle.

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VP Johnson's visit to Netherlands was an unqualified success significantly advancing US interests and most helpful to Embassy's efforts. Both substantive and representational.

Official discussion with Primin and Fomin, particularly latter, were helpful because there was thorough general canvas of currently important matters and particularly useful and penetrating look at areas of disagreement and problem subjects. VP most helpfully advanced our casuse on MLF and trade agreements. On these subjects Fomin Luns made full presentations in new and different terms and VP effectively set forth US views. I am hopeful that as result of meeting with VP we can in particular move MLF ahead significantly.

It was most gratifying that VP was able to visit and see officials and people of Rotterdam and Amsterdam, Jmajorkbh business and cultural centers of Netherlands, as well as The Hague. All over he was warmly received.

VP's Netherlands-American Institute banquet address was, as Primin told me personally, strong and candid statement which can be made only between friends. Press described it as "powerful plea for agricultural cooperation between Europe and US". Although its thrust was directed at Europe wide audience, its impact here in Netherlands will be appreciable.

From psychological point of view, VP's visit to Netherlands was great success. Dutch public is by nature unimpressed by visiting public figures and seldom expresses any emotion. As VP mingled with curious crowds they were at first hesitant and unbelieving that a VP should shake their hands. In very short time, however, they showed great enthusiasm. Crowds sincreased and followed him when possible. Public media responded in similar fashion; slow to start, mounting acclaim. Press coverage has had amounted to over 2,000 column inches. Wherever VP ~~spoke~~ spoke, at least four radio microphones and six TV and newsreel cameras were trained (altho too early for extensive edit comment to have been published, tone of news reports in general

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and few editorials clearly and enthusiastically reflects reception VP received from public.

In summary VP's visit highly effective official and publicly and was extremely helpful to my Mission.

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Vice President accompanied by Ambassador called on Prime Minister Lefevre in latter's office immediately following arrival Brussels Thursday.

After warm welcome by Lefevre, Vice President presented President's letter to him and conveyed President's warm expression of friendship and high regard. Lefevre stated his pleasure at receiving US Vice President was particularly keen because of great Belgian friendship for America. He heartily agreed with Vice President statement that Atlantic community was one world and that our future lay together. Prime Minister paid tribute to Ambassador's effective role in furthering bilateral and multilateral accord.

Vice President explained Trade Expansion Act was cornerstone of administration policy; administration had committed US strength, hopes and prestige to this policy. TEA represents total US commitment to concept of broader exchange of ideas, persons and goods. Prime Minister stated that Common Market countries though highly successful so far still deeply concerned to reach a common accord and a sound solution with the UN on the problem of economic relations.

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Vice President then stressed US firm belief that relations with our allies should be based on equality, pointing out that we followed identical principle in US Senate of equal representation for each state -- he had represented largest US state, Texas, which had same number of Senators as Rhode Island or Massachusetts. Ambassador added that US looks to Belgium as natural leader in fight for liberal trade principles in forthcoming Kennedy round, although he acknowledged US awareness of Prime Minister political problems with some of his own colleagues. Prime Minister stated his firm agreement with concept of liberal trade policy but pointed out that Europe had not reached US level of industrial development; therefore liberal trade measures needed careful handling to avoid bringing to bear overwhelming weight of US industrial superiority.

Vice President agreed that trade was always a thorny question and alluded to recent "poultry war". He denied categorically that US Government had any intention of postponing Kennedy round and asserted US very anxious to have meaningful talks commence on schedule in May. He recognized that we could not abandon caution in moving toward liberal trade which was a vision for the future and a goal rather than some thing to be obtained overnight.

Prime Minister expressed interest in Vice President remarkable career in Senate as a constitutional jurist, moderator, and lawyer. Vice President thanked him for generous words and jokingly commented that he had in fact frequently drawn anger of both sides. Vice President described 1957 Civil Rights struggle and how those who took courageous stand had found it to be most effective and best for country. Ambassador interjected that when Common Market came into effect many Belgians also feared lowering of internal Common Market tariff. However, they now recognized their fear unjustified. Similarly, many of Common Markets fears of US industrial supremacy without foundation and that courageous liberal trade position would prove best. Lefevre responded with anecdote describing his leadership within his party in supporting treaty of Rome, for which opposition had later thanked him.

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Vice President reviewed his 32 years in legislative field and noting that many of most controversial and frightening issues in retrospect had provided him the greatest satisfaction, citing Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan as illustrations. He quoted Benjamin Franklin remark that we must all hang together if we were to avoid hanging separately; an important round in our relations was coming up, Vice President said, and it was of utmost importance that we hang together.

Vice President concluded with brief, firm statement of USG view of necessity for maintaining allied strength during cautious exploration Soviet intentions re peaceful coexistence. Soviets can readily earn our friendship but also can provoke our hostility, he said and we equally ready on either front. Lefevre expressed full agreement. Comment: Ambassador found meeting extremely effective in putting USG position forcefully before Prime Minister and looks forward to further constructive contacts with Prime Minister on foundation established by Vice President.

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During meeting with Spaak today Vice President Johnson expressed deep concern over delays in ANC retraining program and pressed Spaak hard for clear-cut and rapid Belgian action. Amb added Belgians seem to have backed away from their original plan of last June to furnish well over 100 Belgian officers for unit training and encadrement purposes and now seemed to be starting out on entirely different tack with primary emphasis on training Congolese in Belgium and only supplying limited number officers to serve in various ANC headquarters.

Spaak said he understood our concern and it was indeed true that Colonel Logiest who last summer had "very bold plans" for ANC training seemed to have become progressively more conservative in his approach to retraining ~~prog~~ problem. Spaak said he had instructed Logiest urgently to cable full ~~information~~ information on his present training plans and he hoped to have this information next week and would immediately communicate with Amb MacArthur.

Discussing security situation in Congo, Spaak also mentioned Tshombe reportedly negotiating with Leoville govt and suggested that if Leoville should

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take him back into fold and give him job in Leoville (not Katanga) it might
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In Vice President's meeting with Fonmin Spaak and Finance Minister

Dequae today latter said GOB informed several days ago that Soviets now

utilizing Beirut extensively as gold outlet. Dequae expressed view this primarily

due to Soviet interest in avoiding channeling gold into London or other Western

money markets where it would help strengthen national banks and help West's

liquidity problem. He explained in Beirut much of gold went to bazaars in form

of coins or otherwise where it was bought and held privately by individuals and

where "black market" premium for gold raising its price above world

levels was customary.

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OPR During Vice President Johnson's extended working luncheon today
RMR with Spaak, Finance Minister Dequae and Rothschild subject of
steel tariffs was discussed. Vice President strongly urged
Common Market avoid any precipitous increase in steel tariffs
since this could prejudice successful outcome of Kennedy round
and urged GOB oppose ECSC pressures for any such increase.

Spaak agreed steel tariff increase could create serious problems. He said Baron Boel and certain other Belgian industrialists were also opposed to raising tariffs on steel. Spaak has been giving considerable thought to this problem and said he intends propose to Coal and Steel Community partners that Committee of three "Wise Men" be appointed to make a basic examination of the Coal and Steel Community treaty with a view to proposing amendments to treaty and seeking solution to steel problem since conditions in both coal and steel industries have vastly changed since ECSC treaty was drawn up.

Vice President and Ambassador expressed interest in Wise Men idea and indicated it could prove useful if it were means of studying basic steel problems and seeking solutions without resorting to early tariff increase or other protectionist action which could have most unfortunate repercussions.

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During Vice President's meeting with Spaak today, latter inquired about our reaction to Mansholt proposal to unify grain prices next year. Vice President indicated he not fully informed on details of proposal and Ambassador, speaking on personal basis, said his own preliminary reaction after reading proposal was that it might create quite serious problems since it might lead to substantially higher European grain prices with considerable increase in uneconomic agricultural production in Europe. However, this was only first reaction based on limited proposal. He promised to give Spaak more considered US reaction next week when proposal had been more fully studied.

Rothschild said he agreed that net effect of proposal could lead to substantial increase in prices and to uneconomic production. Spaak replied he was not sure he agreed. However he felt real solution to grain and certain other agricultural problems must be sought on a global basis rather than on a limited regional or national basis.

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European Community Aspects Vice President's Visit BENELUX
Countries.

In mission's view the Vice President's discussions with EEC
and EURATOM Commissions and with High Authority of Coal and
Steel Community have contributed markedly to advancement
US policy objectives.

In his private talks with Community representatives Luxembourg
and Brussels, as well as in his public speeches, he has recalled
in impressive fashion the underlying continuity of American
objectives in relation European unification and Atlantic
partnership. As highest ranking officer of government ever
to have visited Community executives, he has stressed desire
for close and effective cooperation with Europe while, at
same time, leaving Europeans in no doubt about US determination
to protect its economic and trade policy interests.

In Luxembourg (see Luxembourg's Embassy telegram 179 to
Department), the Vice President's visit happily coincided
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with a crucial phase of maneuvering on steel tariff problem. Believe his comments have had considerable effect in warning High Authority about need for prudence and international consultation before matters are allowed to get out of hand. Fact that German High Authority member Fritz Hellwig was present increased utility of meeting.

In Brussels (see separate reporting telegram today), Vice President hit very hard with EEC Commission Vice President Mansholt at European doubts about our determination to press ahead with GATT trade negotiations. Coming at a time when European protectionists and others who feel their interests are not served by Kennedy Round are trying to depict US as having second thought about GATT negotiations especially re timing. Vice President's authoritative and effective presentation most valuable indeed.

Vice President's entire trip, including his talk with Mansholt, served as healthy reminder to Europeans of our intent protect our agricultural trade interests. Again, by unusual coincidence timing, Vice President was able to raise warning flag with Mansholt about Commission's latest grain price proposals. This has helped lay basis for all of the follow-up diplomatic activity we will doubtless be engaged in for some time on subject of fundamental importance.

With EURATOM Commissioners Krekeler and Sassen (Chatenet ill), the Vice President's call served to focus attention on meaningful US cooperation with Europe in area of long-range importance to free world -- use of the atom for peaceful purposes. Given all our differences with certain European countries at the moment, and fact that by its very nature US/EURATOM program difficult to dramatize and publicize on day-to-day basis, Vice President's visit extremely valuable.

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To sum up, Vice President's friendly and effective presentations to Community representatives have contributed significantly to (A) overall climate of our relations European communities and (B) informing communities in most authoritative terms of our broad views on vital substantive matters notably GATT negotiations, agriculture and steel tariffs.

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Following memo conversation reviewed by Vice President:

Vice President Johnson met November 9 at Brussels with EEC Commission Vice President Sicco L. Mansholt for three-quarter hour cordial discussion focused on necessity prompt and meaningful Kennedy round negotiations. Also present were Van Slobba and Lucion of Mansholt's and Rey's Cabinets respectively. On US side were Ambassador Tuthill and aide Stull.

Vice President brough greetings from President Kennedy who, he said, is dedicated to European unity as essential for stability, prosperity and peace of world. Vice President promptly stressed great importance agriculture in total picture integrated Europe and Atlantic partnership. Said if Kennedy administration after three years in office is proud of anything it is of successful battle against protectionism, factionalism and sectionalism which resulted in TEA legislation. Said US convinced the more people trade the less likely they are to fight.

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US is hopeful it will see fruit of TEA in negotiations this spring at Geneva, Vice President said. He emphasized that any rumor that US would prefer postpone negotiations until after US elections simply is not true. He added US also most anxious see important sector agriculture included in negotiations..

Mansholt agreed Europe and US stand before great wide round of negotiations and EEC aware importance forthcoming events. He recalled honor of meeting with President when last in US and reiterated then-expressed EEC recognition of great importance Kennedy round. Mansholt recalled difficult times after rupture negotiations with UK, noted continuing distrust among certain countries stemming that event, and commented that Kennedy round now seen as sort of test case of EEC attitude toward its own future. Mansholt expressed gratification with Vice President's assurances there no question of US wish postpone negotiations until after elections. He admitted there some doubt in Europe on this point. He expressed hope negotiations will begin in May as scheduled or, if necessary for technical reasons, no later than June. If US were to postpone negotiations beyond June that would have bad effect in Europe, according Mansholt, who reiterated importance beginning negotiations soon as possible. Mansholt explained EEC doing everything prepare for negotiations but difficulty is there still no EEC common agricultural policy. Noting well-established US agricultural policy this regard, he noted need develop same for Europe. As for industrial tariffs US and Europe in same boat and must each seek common policy, according Mansholt. Mansholt said the Six must still sit down and work out own policies.

In connection agriculture, Mansholt commented that concrete and realistic proposals have been submitted to Ministers Council
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for decision. This regard he stressed necessity common policy implying that at least some agreed policy might be preferable to none at all. He said EEC Commission proposals go rather far toward forcing Council make decisions. These would include agricultural prices, necessity include internal agricultural policies, and need develop negotiable agricultural proposals, according Mansholt. He said EEC Commission proposals would open way for negotiations and in his opinion Common Market will be in position negotiate next spring.

Vice President commented US will review and evaluate EEC proposals very carefully when they made available in detail. He commented upon US experience with extensive difficulties when higher prices introduced agriculture sector without compensating production controls. Said this something we shall wish study and consider in context proposals but should be recognized risk of stimulating excessive uneconomic agricultural production does enter in. Basic point, he said, is we recognize importance agriculture and share view it must be integral part negotiations. Furthermore, Vice President reasserted, Kennedy round must proceed in spring regardless local considerations, because it of over-riding world importance.

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Mansholt said EEC must of course also negotiate for European farmers. Noting many worldwide commodity agreements of common market countries are linked with Kennedy round negotiations, Mansholt stressed a new urgency beginning negotiations promptly. He said would like commence agricultural negotiations in May since they really more complicated than industrial issues. Perhaps thereafter industrial sector could be taken up in July, he said. Speaking "quite frankly", Mansholt indicated current US pressure on starting negotiations useful in keeping things moving. He expressed concern that without pressure of Kennedy round negotiations, common market might not face necessary decisions.

Ambassador Tuthill commented that while finding a common agricultural policy comes first for EEC, equally important question is whether that policy negotiable. He expressed concern that price basis currently being considered would raise European production wheat and feedgrains. Vice President Johnson pointed again to US experience this regard, noting that old adage "burnt child dreads fire" particularly relevant. Ambassador Tuthill added that currently proposed agricultural price levels might be

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so high that US would have to seek other assurances for continuing entrance to common market. Frankly, the US is concerned, he said. Mansholt agreed, observing that more information is needed to evaluate all effects of proposed 400 DM price. He indicated expectation imports might stabilize. He expressed confidence, however, that price in France will not increase acreage. Question really, according to Mansholt, is what happens after basic price levels fixed. He explained EEC proposal envisage every increase thereafter must be negotiable, and that is why desirable begin with world market price as fixed basis. According to Mansholt, once maximum price fixed and consolidated thereafter only necessary negotiate future amendments. Question is what is correct starting point, he said, and Mansholt said will be possible discuss that aspect when council accepts commission proposal. He added that EEC proposals foresee possibility to negotiate for all agriculture.

Ambassador Tuthill pointed to 16.7 percent increase in EEC proposed feed grain prices as critical item. Mansholt replied, however, that costs have gone up without prices rising. Ambassador Tuthill agreed with humor that inflation indeed reducing EEC internal problem. Mansholt replied not so many doubts on cereals but eggs, fish, meat and poultry will be difficult. Illustrating point from German example, Mansholt said egg production up 24 percent past three years, consumption stable and imports down 48 percent last year. Observed that causes great concern and is covered in report being published next week on market conditions. Mansholt said in his opinion solution lies in lower cereal prices in Germany. Added if Germany postpones this until end of transition period 1970, German market will be lost to exporters. He said at present rate Germany will be exporting eggs within two years. Ambassador Tuthill asked if EEC proposals are accepted, would prices be negotiable downward? Mansholt said in theory "yes" but in practice "no". He added doubted that need be so important and pointed out not feasible ask for more than stability on level of imports. Mansholt hinted at possibility five-year assurance on maintaining overall level grain imports. Reiterated conviction 400 DM correct price level.

Vice President concluded meeting with observation we have important work to do and assurance we determined do our part make Kennedy round successful.

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FOLLOWING CLEARED BY VICE PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT MET PRIVATELY WITH KING FOR OVER HALF AN HOUR FRIDAY. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED AS COURTESY CALL, MEETING DEVELOPED INTO LIVELY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SUBJECTS OF US PRESENCE IN EUROPE, AID TO LDC'S, TRADE POLICY, AND CHICOM INTENTIONS.

KING FIRST EMPHASIZED THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BECOME DISCOURAGED WITH EUROPEANS SINCE EUROPEANS HAVE ENORMOUS CONFIDENCE IN US. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN AT SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT AIRLIFT EXERCISE FOR AMERICAN PRESENCE IN EUROPE. VICE PRESIDENT REASSURED HIM THAT SIX DIVISIONS' PRESENCE FIRM, NOTED THAT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL UNITS MIGHT VARY FROM TIME TO TIME WITH FLUCTUATIONS IN POTENTIAL MILITARY SITUATION, AND STRESSED THAT US AIRLIFT CAPACITY A SOURCE OF STRENGTH, NOT A CAUSE FOR SPECULATION ABOUT WEAKNESS.

VICE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE SHARPLY DEGREE OF US MILITARY READINESS.

ON AID SUBJECT, KING EMPHASIZED EUROPEANS, IN HIS OPINION, SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE IN FIGHTING ANCIENT ENEMIES -- POVERTY, DISEASE, HUNGER AND IGNORANCE; HE SUGGESTED THAT LATIN AMERICA WAS PARTICULAR FIELD FOR GREATER EUROPEAN EFFORT AND HOPED THAT NEED FOR A "MARSHALL PLAN" THERE WOULD BE REALIZED BY EUROPEANS. VICE PRESIDENT POINTED TO HUNDRED BILLION DOLLAR US AID EFFORT IN PAST 17 YEARS AND STRESSED ADMINISTRATION'S

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DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE LARGE-SCALE EFFORTS, BUT NOTED CURRENT DISCOURAGEMENT AMONG US TAXPAYERS.

VICE PRESIDENT STRESSED FIRMNESS OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITMENT TO LIBERAL TRADE POLICY, CITING TEA AS CORNERSTONE OF US ECONOMIC POLICY. HE WARNED OF PROSPECTS FOR RENEWAL OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE 20'S IF WORLD TURNED ITS BACK ON LIBERAL TRADE POLICY IN FORTHCOMING KENNEDY ROUND GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

KING THEN TURNED TO SUBJECT OF COMMUNIST CHINA AND DESCRIBED HIS CONCERN AT LONG-RUN PROBLEM OF INTEGRATING POPULOUS CHINA POSSESSED OF NUCLEAR FORCE INTO WORLD COMMUNITY. HE STATED ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE HE SAW UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WOULD BE INCULCATION OF SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY GRADUALLY IN CHICOM LEADERS.

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FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CLEARED BY VICE PRESIDENT:

IN ADDITION TO TOPICS SUMMARIZED IN EMBTELS 685, 686 AND 687, VICE PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED BROAD RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SPAAK, FINANCE MINISTER DEQUAE AND AMBASSADOR ROTHSCHILD AT WORKING LUNCHEON FRIDAY.

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1. TRADE:

VICE PRESIDENT AND SPAAK AGREED ON CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF FORTHCOMING KENNEDY ROUND TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS. VICE PRESIDENT STRESSED FIRMNESS OF ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR LIBERAL TRADE POLICY AND ITS DEDICATION TO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS UNDER PROVISIONS TRADE EXPANSION ACT (TEA) WHICH WAS MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. SPAAK SUGGESTED THAT SUCCESS OF VITAL KENNEDY ROUND MIGHT BE INSURED IF A MAN COULD BE FOUND WITH BROAD AND WIDELY RESPECTED VIEWS TO HEAD ENTIRE NEGOTIATING CYCLE, OUT HE WAS UNABLE TO SUGGEST NAME OF SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

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DISCUSSION TURNED TO PROPOSALS FOR ECSC STEEL TARIFF INCREASE, AND AMBASSADOR WARNED OF IMPLICATIONS FOR US OF SUCH A PROPOSAL; US, A RELATIVELY SMALL STEEL EXPORTER AND LARGE IMPORTER OF STEEL, WOULD FIND ITS SMALL EXPORT TRADE CHOKED OFF BY AN INCREASE. ON WORLDWIDE STEEL PROBLEM, VICE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED THAT PROBLEM MUST BE TREATED IN GLOBAL CONTEXT SINCE GLOBAL STEEL OUTPUT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF CAPACITY. DEQUAE POINTED OUT THAT RAPID PROGRESS IN MANY FIELDS OF TECHNOLOGY HAD REDUCED STEEL CONSUMPTION MATERIALLY. SPAAK SUGGESTED CFN 1.

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POSSIBILITY THAT THREE WISE MEN SHOULD RE-EXAMINE ECSC TREATY IN USEFUL APPROACH TO PROBLEM OF TARIFFS AND OVERCAPACITY.

ON SUBJECT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE, THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT GLOBAL APPROACH TO PROBLEM LIKELY TO BE ONLY LONG-TERM SOLUTION. SPAAK ASKED US REACTION TO MANSHOLT PROPOSAL. AMBASSADOR SPEAKING PERSONALLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT SUGGESTED LEVEL OF GRAIN PRICES WOULD LEAD TO UNECONOMIC PRODUCTION IN EEC COUNTRIES AND THAT ANY COMPROMISE WOULD WORK OUT AMONG SIX FROM MANSHOLT LEVEL MORE LIKELY TO BE UPWARD THAN DOWNWARD. HE POINTED OUT THAT US BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXPORTER AND THIS ONLY MEANS OF COMPENSATING FOR ENORMOUS DRAIN OF AID AND WORLDWIDE DEFENSE ON US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITION.

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FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CLEARED BY VICE PRESIDENT:

SPAACK MENTIONED THAT MANSHOLT BELIEVED HIS PROPOSAL WOULD STILL LEAVE ROOM FOR ANNUAL IMPORT BY SIX OF TEN MILLION TONS OF GRAIN A YEAR; ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR DISAGREED WITH THIS ESTIMATE, SPAACK POINTED OUT THAT IT SHOWED MANSHOLT'S GENUINE CONCERN WITH PRESERVING ACCESS OF FOREIGN GRAIN INTO EEC.

SPAACK STATED FIRM BELIEF THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF GENEROUS PRICE LEVEL FOR FARM PRODUCTS WITHOUT IMPOSITION OF EFFECTIVE CONTROLS WOULD BE FUTILE. VICE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT US ONLY COUNTRY AT PRESENT ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT AND DESCRIBED LIMITED SUCCESS OF FARM OUTPUT CONTROLS AS DUE TO TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES WHICH TENDED TO OUTSTRIP EFFECTIVENESS OF ACREAGE CONTROLS. AMBASSADOR DOUBTED GERMANS WOULD ACCEPT LEVEL OF GRAIN PRICES PROPOSED BY MANSHOLT, BUT ROTHSCHILD SAID GERMANS SEEMED TO TAKE MANSHOLT PROPOSAL WELL.

SPAACK ASKED WHETHER SCOPE OF PROPOSED US WHEAT SALE TO SOVIETS WOULD ELIMINATE US SURPLUS, AND VICE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT LESS THAN ONE-FIFTH OF VOLUME SURPLUS INVOLVED. VICE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT WHEAT SALE HAD TWO VALUABLE ASPECTS: HEALTHY EFFECT ON US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE OF DEMONSTRATED COMMUNIST AGRICULTURAL INADEQUACY.

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VICE PRESIDENT POINTED TO US HUNDRED BILLION DOLLAR AID EFFORT OVER LAST 17 YEARS AND TO 300 BILLION DOLLAR DEBT. EVEN THOUGH GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT 600 BILLION DOLLARS, TAXPAYERS TIRING OF HEAVY BURDEN, AND CURRENT YEAR'S AID BILL IN TROUBLE IN CONGRESS WITH LIKELIHOOD OF SUBSTANTIAL CUT BELOW ADMINISTRATION REQUEST. NEVERTHELESS, HE AFFIRMED INTENTION OF ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN LIBERAL EFFORT IN AID FIELD SINCE INCREASE IN LIVING STANDARD OF LESS DEVELOPED WORLD AND VICTORY OVER POVERTY, DISEASE, AND HUNGER WAS ONLY WAY TO ABSORB PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES OF AGRICULTURE AND STEEL AS WELL AS OTHER INDUSTRIES.

VICE PRESIDENT STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT US GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE CONCERNED AT UNFAIR RATION BETWEEN US AID BURDEN AND THAT CARRIED BY OTHER COUNTRIES; IN IMMEDIATE POST-WAR DAYS IT WAS PROPER FOR US TO CARRY WHOLE BURDEN ALONE BUT AT PRESENT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ABLE TO DO MORE. SPAAK CITED SUBSTANTIAL FRENCH EFFORT IN AFRICAN AREA AS EXCEPTION TO VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS BUT AGREED THAT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD AND SHOULD DO MORE. HE PAID HANDSOME TRIBUTE TO GENEROSITY OF US AID EFFORTS WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY. NEVER BEFORE, HE SAID, HAD A COUNTRY WORKED SO GENEROUSLY TO BUILD UP TRADING COMPETITORS, AND HE NOTED THE PROBLEM POSED FOR US BY THE STRONG EUROPEAN ECONOMY AMERICA HAD HELPED CREATE. VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT AMERICA DID NOT FEAR COMPETITION AND REJOICED IN THE EXISTENCE OF THE HEALTHY, CREATIVE, COMPETITIVE AND FRIENDLY EUROPE. HE WAS CONFIDENT AMERICA COULD HOLD ITS OWN.

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3. EAST-WEST RELATIONS:

VICE PRESIDENT GAVE BRIEF BUT FORCEFUL EXPLANATION OF US VIEW PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET HAND WHICH SIGNED TEST BAN TREATY STILL ON BUTTON CONTROLLING SOVIET MISSILES. HE EMPHASIZED US INTENTION TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES TO PEACE, GIVING SOVIETS OPPORTUNITY TO EARN US FRIENDSHIP, BUT ADDED THAT WE INTENDED TO LEAD FROM STRENGTH SINCE WE ARE WELL AWARE SOVIETS MIGHT OPT RATHER FOR PROVOCATIVE AND HOSTILE ACTIONS. SPAAK COMMENTED THAT RECENT SOVIET ACTIONS ON BERLIN AUTOBAHN CLEARLY IN CONTEXT OF REMARKS MADE TO HIM BY KHRUSHCHEV ON HIS LAST VISIT TO MOSCOW. KHRUSHCHEV HAD STATED INTENTION OF TREADING ON BERLIN "CORN" ON US FOOT BUT ALSO EQUALLY FIRM INTENTION NOT TO ALLOW NUCLEAR WAR TO DEVELOP FROM SUCH FOOTWORK. VICE PRESIDENT ASKED SPAAK'S VIEW OF SOVIET MOTIVES FOR SUCH COURSE AND FOREIGN MINISTER SUGGESTED IT WAS BLACKMAILING ATTEMPT TO MAKE WEST PAY HIGHER PRICE FOR ANY ACCOMMODATION REACHED. SPAAK EMPHASIZED DANGEROUSNESS OF SUCH SOVIET BRINKMANSHIP.

VICE PRESIDENT ASKED WHETHER SPAAK BELIEVED US LOWERING ITS GUARD VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS BY NEGOTIATING. SPAAK VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTED NEED FOR US EXPLORATION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS TO FULLEST

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BUT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF REASSURING GERMANS WHILE PROCESS GOING ON. VICE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED BELIEF PRESENT SITUATION LESS DANGEROUS THAN A YEAR AGO WHEN DURING CUBAN CRISIS WORLD WITHIN MATTER OF MINUTES OF WAR.

4. NATO:

VICE PRESIDENT ASKED WHAT COULD BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE. HE EMPHASIZED NEED OF US FOR HELP FROM ITS ALLIES IN THE STRENGTHENING PROCESS BOTH IN MILITARY AND AID FIELDS. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR USG BE ABLE TO TELL ITS OWN PEOPLE ALLIES WERE DEVELOPING EQUAL EFFORT IN THESE FIELDS. DEQUAE ADMITTED BELGIANS NOT DOING ENOUGH SINCE THEY WERE ONLY KEEPING UP PRESENT LEVEL OF MILITARY STRENGTH AND NOT INCREASING THEIR COMMITMENT. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION OF DIFFICULTY OF ACCURATELY STATING TOTAL BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION IN AID FIELD, SPAAK EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT REAL PROBLEM WAS TO INSPIRE RENEWED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN NATO AND IN ITS VALUE. ROTHSCHILD AMPLIFIED THIS POINT SUGGESTING THAT THERE WAS A REAL NEED TO REVIEW NATO OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTH AND TO COME TO CONCLUSIONS WHICH WOULD BE PUBLICIZED AS NEW RALLYING POINT FOR PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.

5. EUROPEAN UNITY:

UPON INVITATION OF VICE PRESIDENT, SPAAK EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS OPTIMISTIC REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR LONG-RANGE PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY. HE ADMITTED THAT PROGRESS ON POLITICAL SIDE STYMIED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE BUT BELIEVED THAT LONG-RANGE PROGRESS REMAINED INEVITABLE. ON ECONOMIC SIDE HE EXPRESSED EQUAL OPTIMISM REGARDING PROGRESS TOWARD COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND INTERNAL EEC AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR KENNEDY ROUND TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS.

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THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM REVIEWED BY VICE PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON MET NOVEMBER 9 AT BRUSSELS WITH EURATOM COMMISSIONER KREKELER FOR DISCUSSION IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION BY EURATOM TO EUROPEAN UNITY AND ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP. ALSO PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER SASSEN, CANCELLARIO D'ALENA (DIRECTOR GENERAL EXTERNAL RELATIONS) AND DE VITRY (CHATENET'S CHEF DE CABINET). ON US SIDE WERE AMBASSADOR TUTHILL AND AIDE STULL.

AMBASSADOR KREKELER EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR US COOPERATION WITH EURATOM. HE NOTED ALL MAJOR PROBLEMS ATOMIC FIELD WITHIN THE SIX TREATED ON INTEGRATED BASIS. HE POINTED THIS REGARD TO FAST BREEDER REACTOR PROGRAM, AND CHARACTERIZED ORGANIZATION AS UNIQUE INTEGRATED EFFORT WHICH COOPERATES WITH US SOLELY ON BASIS EQUAL EFFORT AND BURDEN SHARING. NOTED THAT WHILE EEC IN FOREGROUND OF NEWS, EURATOM IN QUIET AND UNSPECTACULAR WAY IS BUILDING ORGANIC EUROPEAN COOPERATION ITS FIELD.

VICE PRESIDENT SAID EURATOM HEARTWARMING EXAMPLE WORKING EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP BASED EQUAL COOPERATION. KREKELER AGREED THIS COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES ATOMIC FIELD HELPS SPREAD SPIRIT OF UNITY AND PARTNERSHIP. VICE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO CURRENT EURATOM FINANCING QUESTION FOR AEC PLUTONIUM AND U-235. COMMISSIONER SASSEN EXPLAINED EURATOM COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS US INTEREST IN CASH PAYMENT OWING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES. OTHER HAND HE SAID CURRENT FIVE-YEAR

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EURATOM BUDGET STRAINED BY US CASH PAYMENT REQUIREMENT. HE EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WITH CURRENT STAFF LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH US SEEKING RESOLUTION THIS PROBLEM. SAID COMMISSION LOOKS FORWARD TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH US. AMBASSADOR TUTHILL NOTED THAT VARIETY OF WAYS TO ASSIST MATERIALS FINANCING MAY BE AVAILABLE SINCE ISSUE IS FINANCING RATHER THAN PRICE. HE SAID AEC VERY COOPERATIVE AND IS OPTIMISTIC PROBLEM MAY BE RESOLVED WITHIN FEW WEEKS.

KREKELER POINTED TO UNIQUE EURATOM CONTROL (I.E. SAFEGUARDS) SYSTEM WHICH DEMONSTRATES POSSIBILITIES COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN OTHERWISE DIFFICULT FIELD. VICE PRESIDENT NOTED THIS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE EURATOM MULTILATERAL ACHIEVEMENT AND EXPRESSED HIS BEST WISHES FOR EVEN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT US/EURATOM COOPERATION.

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR TUTHILL.

AS YOU RETURN TO THE US I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW AGAIN HOW MUCH YOUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT HAS MEANT TO US. YOUR TALKS WITH MEMBERS OF THE THREE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US THROUGH THE MEETINGS HERE IN BRUSSELS THIS MORNING AND IN LUXEMBOURG EARLIER THIS WEEK. YOUR AUTHORITATIVE EXPRESSION OF OUR POLICIES HAS HAD A SPECIAL IMPACT AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT TIME IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITIES.

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Vice President's visit to Belgium continues to receive favorable press coverage. Of particular interest is front page article LA LIBRE BELGIQUE by Senate President Paul Struye. LIBRE, as Department aware, is traditionally critical of US but on this occasion produced extremely friendly stance. Struye began his article by stating "the visit of Lyndon Johnson, Vice President of the US, provided Belgian public opinion the happy occasion to express its profound friendship for the great American nation."

Despite back-hand references to previous LA LIBRE criticisms of US policies in Katanga, Korea, China and Cuba, Struye remarks that the "great trans-Atlantic republic retains our gratitude" and refers to fact that twice in twenty-five years American soldiers played a decisive role in the liberation of Belgium.

Struye noted Vice President's statement that US aim in GATT negotiations was to expand commerce, not to triumph over EEC and remarks appreciatively on care which Washington now exercising in moving toward partnership which has more respect for equality of nations in alliance.

In addition Struye article, LA LIBRE included full recap Vice President's activities while in Brussels in very favorable

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vein. Article opened with comment that as regards BENELUX countries, goodwill mission of Vice President has ended in success. Paper characterized as very encouraging his affirmation during meeting with Mansholt that US desires Kennedy Round negotiations open as soon as possible and in any case before the end of May next year.

LA LIBRE carried excerpts from Vice President's departure statement indicating American military commitment for defense of Europe. Coverage concluded by printing text of Secretary's letter to Vice President on visit. Embassy gratified at remarkable resurgence of expressions of Belgo-American friendship which have been triggered by Vice President's visit. Extent of success can only be appreciated by those who have followed LA LIBRE's bitter criticism of US over period of months.

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Pass following message from Secretary to Vice President.

Begin quote: Dear Mr. Vice President: I want to tell you how grateful I am for the extremely effective way in which you have promoted United States relations with the three Benelux countries during your trip. All reports indicate that your visit with Mrs. Johnson has made a great impact not only in the countries you have been in, but in Western Europe as a whole. Both your public statements and discussions with the chiefs of state and government and European community leaders concerned, as well as the warm reception accorded you by our three close Benelux allies, have greatly strengthened the concept of the Atlantic partnership. With warm regards, Dean Rusk.

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