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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 140 of 16th April
Repeated for information to Wahnerheide
Washington.

My immediately preceding telegram.

Following is text:-

At the moment when the conversations on the Schuman Plan are finishing I want to say how much the French Government are pleased with the particularly friendly atmosphere in which they have been held and in their happy conclusion.

2. The agreement signed today creates a European community of a supernational character. They put into effect the pooling of the resources of coal and steel of the six countries under the authority of the community and in the interest of all the participating countries, on a basis of complete equality. Thus they inaugurate a new era in the relations between the participating countries and constituted a decisive stage on the road to European integration.

3. The special obligations imposed on Germany in the matters of coal and steel are no longer compatible with the common regulations to which all the states signatory to the treaty are equally submitted.

4. Consequently the French Government considers that the following measures should be taken.

(1) The functions at present exercised by the Ruhr Authority should cease insofar as the high authority will be in a position to carry out its functions in accordance with the convention on the transitory arrangements. The Ruhr Authority and the London agreement of 28th April, 1949 which constituted it, should afterwards be brought to an end in agreement with the signatory governments, at the latest on the establishment of the common market for coal.

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(2) Germany should only be submitted, as far as steel production and capacity is concerned to the common regulations applicable to all signatory states. Consequently the limitations on German steel production and capacity should be abolished following the entry into force of the treaty.

(3) The High Commission, should give up the exercise, by itself and by the organisations attached to it including the control groups, those functions in the matter of coal and steel, for which competence is given to the high authority in proportion as the latter comes to be in a position to exercise this function in accordance with the convention on transitory arrangements.

5. The collection of measures envisaged in this letter will take effect at the latest on the establishment of the common market. The French Government intends to make, following the signature of the treaty, the necessary approaches both to the powers signatory to the London agreement and to the other occupying powers with a view to obtaining their agreement on the foregoing measures.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington and Wahnerheide as my telegrams Nos. 23 and 7 respectively.

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