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The United States Government has followed with great interest the progress made in negotiating the treaty which would create an organization to pool the coal and steel resources of Western Europe. It will be recalled that at the time the proposal was made, the President and the Secretary of State gave their full support to its objectives and French initiative was enthusiastically received in all quarters; the Schuman Plan holds out real hope for a new era in Franco German relations as a positive step toward greater economic integration of Western Europe.

The French Government attached great importance to the successful conclusion of these negotiations, particularly in connection with the question of German participation in Western European defense. The United States shares the views of the French Government as to

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the desirability of concluding the Schuman Plan negotiations in the near future, in a spirit consistent with the original proposal.

In this connection the attention of the Netherlands Foreign Office is invited to the statement made by the President of the United States at Independence, Missouri:

"I have been very much interested in the proposal made by the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Schuman, for pooling coal and steel production in Western Europe. I hope very much that this plan can be worked out along the bold lines proposed by Mr. Schuman."

American Embassy

The Hague, November 8, 1950

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