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1. Dept suggests Embassy take following line in response press inquiries on recent developments re Krupp and Low. As stated in High Authority press release, HA has noted within authority granted under Art. 66 CSC Treaty in approving proposed Rheinhausen purchase of majority shares Bochumer Verein. Chapter I, Art. 1, Para. 3 of Convention on Settlement of Matters Arising Out of War and Occupation specifically provides that provisions of Convention relating to deconcentration "shall be without prejudice to such expansion or affiliation of enterprises of German coal mining and iron and steel industries as shall be permitted under Treaty on Establishment of European Community for Coal and Steel." Inasmuch as approval by HA falls within foregoing provision there would be no basis under Settlement Convention for objecting to proposed purchase of Bochumer Verein shares. Re deconcentration Federal German Govt has pointed out to British, French, and US Govts that very substantial difficulties lie in way of completing residual

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aspects. Discussions regarding these difficulties are presently being carried on among Four Powers.

The Embassy requested inform British and French Embassies as well as FedRep above line before using it with press.

3. Dept would appreciate receiving, soon as possible Embassy's comments proposed British statement contained Deptel 1431.

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