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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary Stans  
FROM: Henry A. Kissinger  
SUBJECT: Your European Trip

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"There are indications that Italian and Belgian officials oppose any international agreement on placing voluntary limits on certain textile exports. Some of the other European Community countries are even stronger in their opposition. The British have serious reservations, and Bonn has confirmed to a U. S. Embassy official Germany's dislike for such an agreement (he said, however, that the Germans would listen to the U. S. case). Community officials are preparing their positions, because they expect Secretary Stans to bring up the question on his forthcoming European trip.

Apart from the textile issue, the Europeans welcome the Stans visit as an opportunity to discuss protectionist trends on both sides of the Atlantic. The Community countries may be interested in establishing new machinery for resolving trade issues between the U. S. and the Common Market."

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