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FRANKFURT, GERMANY (AP)-WALTER STOESSEL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, ARRIVED IN FRANKFURT TODAY TO BEGIN TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS AT A TIME OF U.S.-EUROPEAN FRICTION.

STOESSEL ARRIVED BY AIR FROM ROME AS PART OF A EUROPEAN TOUR BEGUN EARLIER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

STOESSEL HAS BEEN THE MAIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE AT TWO SETS OF U.S.-EUROPEAN MEETINGS, IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER AND IN COPENHAGEN OCT. 18-19. THE MEETINGS SO FAR HAVE FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON WORDING OF A TRANSATLANTIC DECLARATION GUIDING FUTURE RELATIONS.

THE LACK OF AGREEMENT HAS HELD UP PLANS FOR PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT EUROPE THIS YEAR.

OFFICIALS DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT STOESSEL, WHILE IN BONN, MIGHT DISCUSS LAST WEEK'S SHARP EXCHANGE BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON OVER THE MIDEAST WAR.

WASHINGTON COMPLAINED ABOUT A BONN PROTEST OVER ALLEGED U.S. VIOLATION OF WEST GERMAN NEUTRALITY THROUGH U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM GERMANY TO ISRAEL.

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