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U.S. Asks

EEC to Act On Vietnam

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BRUSSELS, April 29—For the second time this month the United States has asked the European Common Market countries to intercede diplomatically in Vietnam.

The second note, reportedly sent last week by Secretary of State Kissinger to Irish Foreign Minister Garret Fitzgerald, current chairman of the European Community Ministerial Council, asked the Europeans to try to persuade Hanoi and the Vietcong to negotiate with the Saigon government.

Although American and European sources refused to discuss the contents of the message, its existence was confirmed.

Publicity surrounding the American approaches has been especially awkward because the Common Market did not completely comply with the first American request and because any response to a contact now may be too late.

Diplomatic sources here said today only that there was a possibility the most recent American overture would be taken up when the Common Market foreign ministers meet here in a regularly scheduled session Monday.

On the first occasion, the United States had sought Europe's intervention to help obtain compliance with the Paris 1973 accords and to furnish aid to South Vietnam. The European foreign ministers at that time responded by furnishing humanitarian aid to both sides in the struggle.

Some European countries, such as France, that have relations with and supply assistance to North Vietnam did not want to appear to be siding with the United States and Saigon. Other countries with strong left-wing political parties sought refuge in a more neutral stance.

Diplomats noted a mild tone in last week's Kissinger message. It reportedly said that the European response to the previous message was accepted in a spirit of friendship, and that an attempt by the Europeans would be "most helpful."