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Interview (pegged to Clark-Shultz talks) with U.S. Ambassador to Canada Paul Robinson. Ambassador characterizes Canada-U.S. relations as excellent and terms Mulroney-Reagan meeting "extremely successful. Other points: Canada well served in Georges Bank decision; more information needed on acid rain; ambassador "heartened" to learn that Canada intends to bear full share of NATO burden.

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Peter Trueman said talks between External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz indicated the U.S. would not alter its position on acid rain. There was, however, "a bland general call" for freer cross-border trade. John Burke, reporting from Washington, underlined the same points. He added that the Conservative government of Brian Mulroney had agreed to look at softening contentious energy and investment policies of the previous Liberal administration. The Republican administration in turn agreed to examine their protectionist measures.

Transcript of Press conference Oct. 17/84

Press conference question & answer Oct. 17/84

In answer to questions, Clark reviewed discussions on acid rain and noted further talks would be held between respective environment ministers. Shultz said U.S. policy in the arms control field was to seek reduction, not control nor freeze. On trade questions, Shultz said it was in the interest of the United States to have open trading not only with Canada but on a world basis. Clark saw the elections of Sept. 4 as ushering in a new chapter in relations between Canada and the U.S. The government would mirror a greater sense of Canadian self-confidence in playing a full role with the United States

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Summary of Clark-Shultz talks in Toronto by Mike Duffy quoted Clark as saying the government had reaffirmed Canada's commitment to deal with the U.S. on a pragmatic rather than ideological basis. Clark voiced as saying: There's no doubt there is a real change happening. It doesn't mean...that we are going to be crawling to the Americans on all fours. It means simply that we're going to be discussing things like mature adults without any hangups that seemed to pre-occupy the previous government.

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(Peter Murphy)

Murphy reviewed the Shultz-Clark discussions -- an advance.

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Murphy reviewed the range of subjects covered and used a clip with Shultz saying Clark had given him a hard time on a lot of subjects, particularly acid rain. Murphy felt that at this stage the Mulroney government was making a great deal about the changes in Canadian-American relations, but so far "the change is more one of style than substance..."

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Reviewed bilateral issues in dispute in roundtable discussion among Patricia Dumas, Jeffrey Simpson of The Globe and Mail and Michael Perley, co-ordinator of the Canadian coalition against acid rain.