

Senior Committee Officials on the other, since they are --

MR. SCHECHTER: We agreed on the rules and we will stick with those rules.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: We did not agree on the rules!

MR. SCHECHTER: Those are the rules.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Just one last question.

Mr. Vine, I am wondering when the State Department will deem it satisfactory to manage Canadian affairs under, perhaps, the Assistant Secretary of Inter-American Affairs-- rather than European Affairs.

We are dealing in hemispheric terms. The United States is committed historically to the Inter-American System.

Canada is hemispheric.

Surely there should be a reassessment of where we stand.

MR. VINE: That is a declaration, not a "question"!

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: We are not European. We are hemispheric. Why, in the State Department, do we come under this jurisdiction?

MR. VINE: There are historic reasons for it. I don't think there is any particular reason--other than internal management.

MR. SCHECHTER: Could I just make one brief correction?

The meeting between the President and Prime Minister