

Assurances from Mr. Shultz that at that point the US considered premature any decision to deploy a ballistic missile defence were welcomed by the Canadian Government.

In a speech before a meeting of the North Atlantic Assembly in Quebec City in May 1987, Prime Minister Mulroney stated that strategic defences must meet criteria that had been outlined previously by Mr. Nitze--cost effectiveness, survivability, and affordability--along with two other criteria: "extreme care must be taken to ensure that defences are not integrated with existing forces in such a way as to create fears of a first strike" and "we cannot allow strategic defences to undermine the arms control process...."²

By the end of 1988, Canadian industry had received six SDI-related contracts worth about \$1.6 million (US dollars).³

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

During the past few years, questions have been raised in Parliament over Canadian Government involvement in these contracts. In November 1987 the issue of the involvement of the Canadian Commercial Corporation as a prime contractor for an SDI contract was raised in the House. It was argued that the CCC, as a Crown Corporation was an agent of the federal Government, and that its involvement therefore ran counter to the Government's commitment not to participate in SDI projects. The Government responded that the purpose of the CCC was to act as an agent for Canadian companies and that its involvement was limited to this purpose.⁴

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