

speculation on this hypothetical question. I don't think separation is going to happen, so I am not expending much mental energy asking myself, "What will happen when we separate", and, "What will the Americans do", and "What will other World powers do?"

As I say: It is not going to happen, so I don't have any contingency plans on that. I said, very clearly, if the impossible happens, I won't be around to assist in its happening; and I intend being around for a while. So I don't think it is going to happen.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Prime Minister, can you explain for us exactly what was decided, between you and the President, on the question/<sup>of</sup> International problems--particularly as they apply to the Interim Agreement?

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: What, exactly, transpired?

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Yes. We were told yesterday that an Interim Agreement had been formed.

I would like you to explain exactly what that means.

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: It is kind of technical, but I think the simplest way of saying it is that an Interim Agreement was reached because of the imminence of the 200-mile limit adopted by the Americans. I think the deadline is the first of March. We brought it in, in the first of January. So we had very few days to make sure there would not be a