

(2) Canada believes that an "Open Skies" regime would provide an opportunity for the North American allies to demonstrate their willingness to shoulder some of the intrusive monitoring which the era of greater political openness and conventional arms control will require of our European allies;

(3) Canada believes that "Open Skies" represents a practical way of translating the current atmosphere of good-will in East-West relations into something concrete. "Open Skies" negotiations will not be without their difficulties, but the idea is about as straightforward as these things get. "Open Skies" would further allow Mr. Gorbachev to demonstrate his commitment to "glasnost" in a dramatic and practical manner.

On the basis of these points, Canadian officials strongly encouraged their American counterparts to consider "Open Skies" sympathetically. This process culminated in Prime Minister Mulroney raising the issue personally with President Bush during a meeting in the spring of 1989. The Prime Minister proposed expanding the regime to include all of the nations of NATO and the Warsaw Treaty Organizations.