

names of officers at the middle and junior level, because we believe that this is contrary to the integrity of the policy-making process and that it is essential for the integrity of the Foreign Service that they can make recommendations that are not subject to later public scrutiny and that those whom the President has appointed to policy-making positions bear the responsibility before the Congress and before the public. But we are prepared to state the substance of the opinions; we are simply not prepared to attach them to names.

Q. Mike Benedict, Toronto Star: Mr. Secretary, for some time now we have been led to believe that the Canada-U.S. pipeline treaty is ready to be signed. Is there any reason for the delay? Also, I would like to ask you whether in your personal view you favour a trans-Alaska or a trans-Canadian route for Alaskan gas?

A. The Secretary: No, I have no personal view on that subject. I consider that a technical matter to be discussed. As to whether the treaty is about ready to be signed, I think we are making some progress.

Q. Charles Lynch, Southam News Service: Mr. Secretary, Mr. MacEachen has spoken of the end of the special relationship between Canada and the United States; yet you said today that there is no country with which you have closer ties and better communication. You have also spoken of negotiating on the basis of equality. I wonder how these things can be reconciled in view of the fact that United States investment in this country is greater than that of any country in any other country in the world? How can we talk about equality and how can we talk about the end of the special relationship in the light of that?

A. The Secretary: I'll let Mr. MacEachen explain what he meant by the end of the special relationship.

Mr. Lynch: I have been trying to get him to do so for months. (Laughter)

The Minister: Except that you endorsed that it ended, whatever it was, you agreed last night that it had ended.

A. The Secretary: That is right; I agreed last night and several Canadians have been pained with me ever since. It is apparently all right for Canadians to say it but not for Americans. (Laughter) I would make a distinction between a claim to a special relationship and the realities within which foreign policy has to be conducted. Inevitably, any Canadian Government and any United States Government will come up against the realities that you have described. But, we make no claim to special treatment and we do not interpret what I have said as a claim to a preferential treatment. We do believe that there is, for reasons of history and for reasons of close economic relationship, a natural affinity between our long-range national