

Canada and the United States is the growing interdependence of countries and this we must recognize in Canada as I'm sure you do in the United States. That our two countries are more interdependent than any other two countries in the world. More trade goes on between us. More people cross our borders, more capital flows backwards and forwards, so we are the most interdependent of countries. We are not going to break that nor should we.

Q. But with the accent on national sovereignty and national dependence...

SSEA: Interdependence, not dependence.

Q. As well as independence?

SSEA: As well as independence.

Q. How do you feel, sir, about the new developments in Vietnam, and how do you feel, sir, about the President's decision to move more air and more naval power to Vietnam?

SSEA: Well, Canadians would prefer that the United States was not in Vietnam. That is the overwhelming sentiment of the Canadian people. We regret very much the revival of the war. It seems to have been revived from the North Vietnamese side, but at any rate it has been revived. We, I'm sure, share the desire of the President and I know of Mr. Rogers that the Americans should get out of Vietnam and leave those problems to be settled there. And therefore we are heartily in favour of the withdrawal of the Americans and we hope it can be accomplished successfully.

Q. When you talk about regretting revival of the war, does that regret as well include the American air and naval buildups, sir?

SSEA: Yes, it does.

Q. What would you isolate as the single biggest problem in relations between the two countries?

SSEA: I don't know whether I could isolate a single problem. We are...our relationships are so close in such a broad field that it is difficult to isolate any one factor. Our economic relationships are extremely close, our financial relationships, our defence relationships. I suppose the problem itself is just that, from the point of view of a country like Canada. We are Canadians. We don't want to be Americans. We like Americans, but we want to be distinct. And our problem is: how do we prevent the United States from overwhelming our economy, our culture? How do we do it?

Q. How do you...?

SSEA: How do we do it? For a hundred years this has been our problem. Canada, in a sense is a reaction to the United States. The federation in Canada was formed