

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: A really similar question: You did say that the President did not seek approval or disapproval, But does the Canadian Government approve or disapprove of the initiative taken by the Government in view of the escalation since this (inaudible) about the ultimate consequences of this (inaudible)

MR. HEAD: It is going to be a neat question to decide and to learn -- you better put it that way -- whether the Soviets are willing to accept what Mr. Carter says-- inasmuch as it is such a contrast -- a break from the Kissinger technique in the past. Kissinger pursued techniques of linkage -- linkage of issue -- one or the other.

President Carter has now said that he does not pursue that kind of structuring in his relationships with the Soviet Union; and that he wants to continue amicably, hopefully, productive discussions on SALT, disarmament -- this kind of thing. But, at the same time, they must recognize that he feels it necessary to deal with the Human Rights issue; to bring responses, as I understand it, to the effect that you cannot kick us one day and shake our hand the next.

These things must not be linked or mixed, but must be understood to have some kind of a relationship, and this is why I cannot be any more clear at this time.

I am just speculating on what the Soviet response would be.