

10. Economic gains from participating in SDI research will begin immediately, albeit modestly. But the major benefit will be in the form of an investment in our technological future. As a general rule of thumb in the aerospace industry, where research leads to the development of a successful product, 20 jobs stem directly from each job for the lifetime of the product.

11. If at the end of the research phase SDI development and deployment proceeds and further participation is deemed to be in Canada's interest, additional work could be created by development and production programs.

12. If Canada decides not to participate in the SDI research phase, it is unlikely that any Canadian company or other entity will be permitted to share in SDI work, except where we have some technology that cannot be obtained in the United States or in some other participating country.

13. If Canada decides not to participate in the SDI research phase, such a rebuff to the United States could add difficulty to Canada in retaining, let alone gaining more, access to the U.S. market so vital to our economy.

14. If Canada decides not to participate in the SDI research phase, we should anticipate a brain-drain effect. France is proposing a European research alternative to SDI called Eureka, ostensibly to reduce the loss of scientists and engineers to SDI and no doubt to try to match the technology push of the U.S. camp. People in the Canadian aerospace industry have expressed concern that we may be headed for another Arrow situation in terms of opportunity lost.