

member of Parliament will be on the committee but every member of Parliament will be free to try to influence the committee and to try to bring his or her views before the committee. I understand that until the recommendations have been made, no one can judge how seriously the government will take those recommendations. But I have made it clear consistently to officials when they were preparing the documents, to some of your colleagues when I have had occasions to speak to them about it, that I take it seriously and I expect it will not be a success unless the government acts on some of the recommendations for change that I expect to receive from the process. I think among other things this, to a degree, puts on trial the parliamentary process. Its purpose is to discuss foreign policy which needs discussing, it's never been discussed before by Canadians in this forum but it has the incidental advantage of providing a committee of parliamentarians, an all party committee, with an opportunity to demonstrate that given the chance to influence government decisions, it will take that opportunity.

MODERATOR: The gentleman, third...yeah, right there.

Q: Mr. Clark, I wonder if I could ask you about the research and development questions which are dealt with in the paper. It strikes me that although it talks about the decline in research and development in Canada, it doesn't address one of the reasons for this decline or small amount of R & D, which is the extent of foreign ownership in the economy. And also in the area of R & D it seems to come down fairly favourable on the question of Star Wars. Would that be your interpretation?