

enforcement of jurisdictional claims against American fishing vessels.

The sense of this Interim Agreement -- which I think will be concluded in the next day or so, and be submitted to Congress -- is basically to try, where possible, to hold the existing pattern of Fisheries relationships between our two Countries, so that Canadian fisherman can fish in American waters, and American fisherman can continue to fish in their important fisheries off the Canadian coast.

The issues involved, here, were relatively technical. They involved a number of small fisheries. They were talked about in great detail on the edge of these discussions -- not much by the principals themselves -- the principals in the final analysis simply ratified, indeed, the technical arrangements that had been made.

I think, as I said, there were technical issues. There is no point in going into them now. They will be incorporated in an Interim Agreement which should be -- as I said -- signed within the next day or so.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Vine, are you saying "status quo", and that nobody is giving up anything?

MR. VINE: I hate to use the word "status quo", because there will be some slight changes on the U.S. side, and some slight changes on the American side, as close to

the status quo as we can get, basically, consistent with both American and