

because our difficulty wasn't with President Carter; it was with the New England senators and the people down there, and American public opinion, for gosh sake. You know, when I went to Berkeley a few years ago, I had all these guys with signs about saving the seals. Well, they are destroying a species right off their shores. I admit that a scallop doesn't look as enticing as a seal and as cuddly. It depends how much of an environmentalist you are.

MICHAEL VALPY (Vancouver Sun): Perhaps a small point, Prime Minister, but I am fascinated by the subject of this withdrawn State Department letter. I want to ask you, did the Americans withdraw it after we said to them, you know, "Hey guys, this language is really intemperate between friends." And if that is the correct assumption, what was in the letter that was so steamy?

A. I didn't read the letter. I was given a copy of it. I am sure it is "precious" in our files somewhere. So, I can't answer the last part of the question. But the first part of the question has as its answer "Yes." Somebody got a hold of it here, and I think somebody in the Financial Times got a hold of it, or something.

Didn't it come out in part in the United States?

MICHEL GALAN: The Wall Street Journal.

A. C'est pareil. So, you can look at it -- what was steam in it? I know that our people who saw it said, "My gosh, you really didn't mean to send this, did you?" And they said, "No, we really did not." That it was some middle level guys