

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: When you say a "good start",  
Sir; it has been going on for a long time.

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PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: Not/the Carter Administration.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Is it going to be a lot  
warmer, and closer, under the Carter Administration than  
it has been?

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: Well, I was never of the  
theory that it has not been "warm" and "close." It has certainly  
been close; and it has been effective.

I repeated to President Carter yesterday that, from  
the Canada/U.S. point of view, we had found that Presidents  
Ford and Nixon -- to mention only those who were there in  
my time -- had been very fair-minded and equitable in their  
dealings with Canada; and there has been a real desire  
on the part of those two previous Administrations to have  
friendly relations with Canada.

That is one of the reasons why, in my meeting with  
President Carter, we did not have a whole backlog of  
difficult questions to solve. We had a couple of difficult  
ones which had only arisen in very recent times.

If things had been so close and distant, as your  
question seems to imply, it would have been likely that,  
yesterday, we would have spent all of our time trying to  
solve these questions--which we did not!