

as concerned about it. This is a common concern between Americans and Canadians. I am optimistic that we will be able to go.

You never satisfy any particular interest group. There just is not that much available for all, but I am very optimistic and I know we are going into it dedicated to the proposition we are going to succeed.

Q. Secretary Haig, I would like to know if the question of raising Canada's defense budget has been dealt with and if there has been any change in the defense production agreement.

MR. HAIG: No, there have been no changes in the defense production agreements, just a reiteration and a reassurance that we are going to continue with them in the mutual benefit of both countries.

Now, we have your distinguished Defense minister here and he is anticipating a visit from Secretary of Defense Weinberger, I think, in the very near future, and I do not want to pre-empt the outcome of those discussions other than underline that we have been, as the United States, an advocate for increased defense contributions not only by the United States first and foremost but also by our other NATO partners, and I think in that context I have had some recent experience and have been able to witness improvements in Canadian defense and plans for future improvements which are both welcome and, I hope, will continue.