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70	Mr. Matthew McLaughlin Montreal QC	29 Jan. 2001	Canadian citizen	Opposed	<i>(Protection of national interests)</i> - No need for freer trade; with few exceptions all countries have enjoyed de facto free trade since the Industrial Revolution. - Majority of trade restrictions in place are to protect the health, environment, and social well-being of citizens. - Consider the possibility of Canada being forced to drop its commitment to medicare, public education and the protection of natural resources. Preservation of quality of life is not protectionism.
71	Maxidrill International Mr. Bernard Messier QC	19 Jan. 2001	Manufacturer	For	<i>(Tariffs)</i> - Export interests: drills & drill parts, hydraulic & mechanical parts. - Must eliminate tariff barriers.
72	MDS Inc. Mr. Brian Harling Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Chair of the MHCPs SAGIT Etobicoke ON	07 Feb. 2001	Health Product and Services Medical and Health Care Products and Services SAGIT	For	<i>(Standardization)</i> - The SAGIT is in support of FTAs, with the exception of the member representing labour. - Support the principle of expanded trade, though Central America is not a major client for this sector. - Product approval for distribution is a larger trade barrier than tariffs. Recommend improved standardization and harmonization of regulatory issues and procedures for product approval. - Will add issue to next SAGIT meeting.
73	Micro Mac Products Ltd. Ms. Lois McIntosh President Calgary AB	07 Feb. 2001	Exporter	For	<i>(Tariffs)</i> - Tariffs are sufficiently high to deter local companies from buying Canadian products. - Essential to include all sectors, not just priority items. - Calls for reciprocal tariff reduction/elimination
74	McCain International Inc Mr. Paul Tol Vice President NB	12 Feb. 2001	Food products	For	<i>(Tariffs)</i> - McCain is a major exporter to the region and an FTA would further increase sales volumes of frozen potatoes, vegetables, desserts, pizzas, etc. - Remaining issues include high duties on certain products.