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5	ATCO Structures Mr. Harry Klukas Vice President Calgary AB	05 Feb. 2001	Manufacturer/ Housing	For	<i>(Financial assistance, trade promotion and facilitation)</i> - Has recently formed alliance with Honduran company and have just completed a housing project in Honduras. - These countries are seeking financial support for housing programs. - Financial assistance from Canada would enhance ATCO's ability to secure contracts.
6	Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association (APMA) Mr. Gerald B. Fedchun President Toronto ON	24 Jan. 2001	Association/ Auto parts	In favour, with concerns	<i>(Customs regulations and procedures)</i> - Currently no trade between Canada and CA4 in original equipment auto parts; this could change. True free trade must include the following essential elements: 1. Transparency of customs regulations to limit non-tariff barriers to imports. 2. Harmonization of customs procedures to avoid lengthy delays at the point of entry (another NTB). 3. Harmonization of rules and regulations as much as possible to make goods and services fungible across national boundaries. 4. A fair and impartial appeal procedure for disputes on any of the above.
7	Bayly Communications Inc. Mr. Gary Johnson Vice President Ajax ON	22 Jan. 2001	Networking / Telecoms	For	<i>(General)</i> - Approximately 1/3 of our business comes from Latin America with Mexico currently our biggest growth market in the region.
8	Brewers Association of Canada R.A. (Sandy) Morrison President and Chief Executive Officer Ottawa ON	05 Feb. 2001	Association/ Brewers	For	<i>(General, tariffs)</i> - While trade in beer between Canada and Central America is extremely limited, the Canadian Brewing industry has consistently supported the "zero-for-zero" tariff structure between Canada and its international trading partners.