

In respect of your credentials, at the beginning of your brief you state you are a professional engineer and later, I think you said the figures in your report were, you hoped, within the range of slide rule errors, within one or two per cent.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes, I hope so.

Mr. DAVIS: Also in your brief you make reference to misinterpretations or, in effect, misrepresentations by some of the ministers of the day and, more particularly, I am looking at the page marked 5 and 6, paragraph 1-20, in which the concluding paragraph says:

They were only allowed to make estimates of the probable cost of energy which might result from the implementation of the treaty and these were misquoted at ministerial level.

In other words there have been misquotations, loose usage of cost figures, and this has been misleading not only to the public but to a number of people who are intimately concerned with the treaty. At this time I would like to turn to a more specific charge in this connection, which appears in some detail at page 41, and is headed "Summary and Explanation". On that page you calculate the cost to the United States of this treaty energy.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: The treaty and protocol energy?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: You report that the white paper, one of the ministerial papers, states that the cost of this energy to the United States is 5.3 mills. This appears in the first paragraph.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: And, you believe that a more appropriate figure, which you outline in your second paragraph, is 3.6 mills.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: In other words, these two figures, in your view, are figures which can be related one to the other; there is a 50 per cent discrepancy here somewhere in these documents.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: I want to be clear in this matter because you are saying, in effect, there is a misrepresentation and that the cost of the energy to the United States is not 5.3 mills but is, in fact, of the order of 3.6 mills, which is a very large discrepancy.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: Now, do you understand that there are figures quoted sometimes in United States dollars and sometimes in Canadian dollars?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. DAVIS: In other words, are these figures both in Canadian dollars, in your view?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Well, it is not stated in the white paper whether they are using Canadian or United States dollars. One assumes they were using United States dollars. I used United States dollars as the cost of United States downstream benefits.

Mr. DAVIS: Is your figure of 5.3 mills Canadian?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No; I assumed it is United States dollars.

Mr. DAVIS: You have assumed it is?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes, because it is not stated in the contract.