

In his announcement the President instructed the U.S. Trade Representative to report back to him in 60 days after discussions with Canada. Mr. Lumley said that Canada is always ready to have discussions with the U.S. However, we will not accept as a basis for these discussions either unfounded allegations concerning Canadian regulatory practice or any unilaterally conceived form of reciprocity.

Mr. Lumley and Mr. Pepin indicated that they are looking forward to working with the Advisory Committee established by the Council of Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transport to resolve this issue. They concur with the Council's decision to defer any action until it is clear whether there is real progress in the Interstate Commerce Commission's treatment of Canadian applicants, as well as in action by the Administration to end discrimination against Canadian truckers.