

reason and with this government especially paying so much attention to the polls, there is every reason to believe that in fact they will pay a lot of attention to what the public says to this committee. So that those who want to stop this sort of thing in fact, and the opposition parties, have their very best shot at doing it in the committee rather than not participating at all.

CEC : Jeff, you touched on this just a bit earlier
 the fact that Mr. Clark and External has lost
some ground to the Departments of Trade and Defence. Is the
paper this week do you think going to do anything to put them
back in the mainstream of policy debate?

SALLOTTE : No, I mean it has generated a lot of attention.
 There is no doubt that Joe Clark would like to
keep the attention focused on his own portfolio and his areas.
But because, you know, the opposition parties aren't dumb. They
can read this thing as well as anybody else. They know that the
real meat is not there, that it is elsewhere. So I don't think
we are going to see this as the vehicle for Joe Clark re-emerging.
