

compensation. We will be seeking formally from the Soviet Union compensation for the loss of life and for the families affected by this tragic loss.

Q.: Have you asked Mr. Pepin to meet with Mr. Gromyko?

A.: No. I have not recommended that Mr. Pepin seek a meeting with Mr. Gromyko. I have sent a message to Mr. Gromyko asking for his response and I have not yet received a reply.

Q.: Should the City of Ottawa cancel the Moscow Circus?

A.: I think it's up to the City of Ottawa. We've done what was within our capacity to do as Government of Canada. I'm sure authorities in Ottawa have been hearing what I have said. They know what the attitude of the Government of Canada is. They know what the attitude of the people of Canada is and it seems to me it is their decision as to what they want to do in the circumstances. It's not for me to ask them or pressure them. That is their responsibility.

Q.: Why not?

A.: Because I don't run the City of Ottawa.

Q.: Will sanctions stay as long as your demands are not met?

A.: I have said the sanctions will be on for 60 days. They will lapse at that time, unless they are extended. We'll look at the situation then.