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SSEA We can begin by telling you we have just completed a series of meetings over the past two days with Mr. Sepulveda, the Foreign Minister of Mexico, and his colleagues. The meetings were held in the context of the Canada/Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee, which meets every two years. Mr. Regan has had trade discussions with his Mexican counterparts, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Whelan had talks on agriculture with the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Chretien had discussions on energy matters with the Secretary of Energy, Mr. Labastida, and the Foreign Secretary and I had our counterpart discussions on international issues. The meetings, I think, were very good. The big thing is that we have re-affirmed our bilateral interest in each other. We have found a lot of interests to discuss and that has been particularly true in trade, agriculture and energy affairs. and particularly in energy where cooperation could be enhanced by the exchange of information not only in the oil sector, but also in respect of coal and nuclear technology. There are possibilities for strengthening our bilateral relations, we explored those. Also, we had discussions, as I mentioned, on international questions. I won't say anything further, I think I will turn the floor over to my colleague, who may wish to make a statement and then we can carry on.

For. Secy: I want to say only that we share your views, Mr. Vice-Prime Minister. I think that the Mexican mission is also very happy with the results of the meeting we have had. We find them very provocative, they have been a confirmation of what was already known, the special interest the Mexican Government has in having a very close link with Canada and with the Canadian Government. I am certain that