

the Canadian Government authorized in advance the presence of these American submarines in our Arctic waters?"¹⁴ Mr. Clark responded:

There have been reports of submarines having come to the surface at the North Pole. He would know that there are at least four routes by which they could have reached the North Pole, one Canadian and three American. I do not propose to be drawn into a question which might lead us to indicate the presence of submarines of Canadian allies anywhere in the world where that indication might work to the benefit of countries hostile to Canada.¹⁵

Liberal member Lloyd Axworthy asked Mr. Clark about the Government's response to the Special Joint Committee's proposal for a northern demilitarized zone. Mr. Clark responded:

...demilitarization, like disarmament, in order to be effective requires at least two to play. You cannot have unilateral demilitarization just as you cannot have unilateral disarmament.¹⁶

Conservative member Allan Lawrence asked:

...if the Government actually knows the routes taken by both Soviet and American submarines in the Arctic? Second...could he tell the House if there have actually been transgressions of Canadian sovereignty by Soviet and American submarines?¹⁷

Mr. Clark responded:

...I cannot say with confidence that we know all of the routes which might be taken, particularly by Soviet submarines....We have arrangements in place by which we can be informed of activities in our

¹⁴ Ibid., p. 1873.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Common Debates, 9 Dec. 1986, p. 1926.