

- A. (M) No because we did our best to reach a conclusion, our best efforts didn't achieve that and we have put the matter before the International Court. The question of Georges Bank is before the Court, we are preparing each of us a case and it will be determined by the Court. So that is our decision and that is not part of our discussion because that is in a sense an issue that has been dealt with in the past in that way. We did talk about, as the Secretary has stated not only about Pacific salmon but also the impact of possible investigations on the Canadian fishery by United States authorities but we don't have at the moment, in a sense, major immediate live issues except on the necessity of concluding a treaty with respect to the Pacific salmon.
- Q. I'd like to return to the Gromyko/Genscher talks, are you more or less optimistic of breaking the deadlock ...
- A. (S) Well as I said I have no information directly from Mr. Genscher about the content of his discussions so I don't have a basis for answering your question.
- Q. Tass quoted Gromyko as saying an agreement in Geneva was still possible
- A. (S) I'm glad to hear it.
- Q. Mr. MacEachen, in all of the briefings leading up to these meetings, it's been suggested that in no way are you carrying the message to the Middle East on behalf of Mr. Schultz. Nevertheless you have presumably spent several hours discussing the Middle East and I was wondering what sort of message on your own behalf you would be carrying to the Middle East, and inasmuch as you're going to visit Damascus and Cairo, and Amman, and possibly Beirut, what effect do you think you could have on the current situation in the Middle East?
- A. (M) Well the first point, it is true that we did spend some time on the Middle East. I'm leaving for that part of the world tonight and I wanted to get the benefit of Mr. Schultz's experience in that area, and indeed we did discuss the matter, but I'm not carrying any specific messages to the Middle East. My purpose is to conduct bilateral visits in five countries and to assess the situation. I have no plan to bring about peace there. I have expressed support not only in our