

quid pro quo there. If you are talking about the trilateral meetings that I was answering about a moment ago, no. I was anxious to tell the President that I thought it was a good idea, and if this is what he meant or this could be some avenue which he would be interested in exploring in line with his interest in his neighbours that he expressed during the election and since, that was fine with me.

I don't want to claim any originality for it, but my recollection is that I probably raised that with the President of Mexico when I saw him last January. And quite honestly, I phoned him yesterday after the President had left to tell him what I had said, if for the only reason that I had mentioned it publicly at the press conference yesterday, at the statements yesterday. But there was no linkage in my mind, and I doubt whether there was any in the President's mind.

It is something that I think would be to our advantage as North Americans. Therefore, I don't consider it as paying a price when I say that I would be happy to do that.

DOUGLAS SMALL (Global TV): Back to the Quebec election for just a minute, sir, would you care to hazard a guess, either reasoned or emotional, on the outcome of the election, and what kind of support and advice are you prepared to give Ryan's Liberals in the campaign, if they ask you for it?

A. No, I am notoriously bad at predicting the result of elections. I naturally hope the Liberals would win. They haven't ^{been} announced yet, ^{I take it?} have they, / Until they announce it, I suppose I am not intervening in an election campaign, so I can