

that denies the Canadian public the right to take part in foreign policy decisions. What's at issue here is whether or not there will be an influence on questions regarding the Strategic Defence Initiative and others and my position has always been very clear - I want to hear from Canadians on the Strategic Defence Initiative before we have to make the first of the series of decisions we have to make which has to do with accepting the US invitation to research. I don't propose to delay that decision until the committee report is in a year from now.

GRAY:                   Can we just look very briefly at the whole process which is more complex than just this Green Paper? How is this paper going to mesh with all the other policy reviews and as far as I can tell there are about five but I may have the number wrong, headed by different ministers, different cabinet committees?

CLARK:                   Your question has to do with the interconnection of events and I suppose also with...the question is to whether we are asking this committee to look into matters which are already closed, put them...we take them in order. With regard to what's already decided, what we've decided on the defence and strategic side is that we think it is prudent that the Americans should carry out research into a field where we believe the Soviets are carrying out research, that's all that's been decided so far. We have received an invitation from the Americans to take part in that research, we're considering that, that'll happen in the next three to four months. Then, five or six years from now, assuming that the hypothetical proposal of SDI turns out to make sense,