

it was in this context that, to the then merely candidate Reagan, we made it clear that he shouldn't think in those terms.

But insofar as meetings between the three leaders, it is something which I believe is good and which I was very happy to promote yesterday -- not for the first time. Or maybe the day before yesterday. But, I mean, it is something that I have been saying for quite a while now. The European heads of government meet periodically, sometimes just to shoot the breeze, because they feel it important that they know each other in terms of, you know, why do you say that and where did you get this, and what are your reactions to the next? And that on this continent the American President, the Mexican President and the Canadian Prime Minister, whoever he is, get together (a) to know each other better and perhaps de-escalate some of the suspicions and hostilities in every direction, and (b) to see if we can develop some common philosophy as regards at least areas close to us, like the Caribbean, Central America, South America, I think it is all to the good.

ROBERT DOUGLAS: As a supplementary, would you rule out any discussion of resources and energy in such a trilateral meeting?

A. If I didn't, I am sure the Mexicans would. But I think we made clear -- last May, was it? -- when the Mexican President and I issued that statement that we wouldn't be meeting for that purpose. We not only wouldn't be meeting, but we didn't want the Americans to think that this could be approached in that way. But the other, once again, is so obvious from the