

A. The Secretary: Feelings on the issue of deletion of television commercials on Canadian cable television are rather intense in the United States. I receive a large volume of mail from influential senators on that subject. I have brought that fact to the attention of the Canadian Government and I am told that this issue is before the courts in Canada at this moment, so we have to wait for the court decision. In the meantime, I have asked that no commercials of this program be run in the United States. (Laughter)

Mr. Desbarats: I do not know if we can comply with that.

Q. Hugh Winsor, The Toronto Globe and Mail: Dr. Kissinger, a number of reports have come out in recent months about the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency in countries in which the United States has substantial interests. Given the fact that the United States has very substantial interests in Canada, it would seem reasonable that the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency would be somewhat in that proportion. I wonder, since you are chairman of that group of 40 that oversees the C.I.A. activities, would you comment on the extent to which they do operate in Canada and, if so, what you learn that's interesting? (Laughter)

A. The Secretary: Your assumption may be reasonable, but it isn't true. I am not aware that we are learning very much that is interesting which may reflect the scale of our activities here.

Mr. Winsor: That is not a very direct answer, sir.

A. The Secretary: The answer is that your assumption is incorrect.

Q. Jack Best, Canada World News: Mr. Kissinger, a question in the multi-lateral field: in Helsinki President Ford said that the results of that conference were to be judged not by the promises made, but by the promises kept. And he said that peace is not a piece of paper. I wonder if you could give us your assessment it's a little bit early in the game thus far of the degree to which those agreements reached at Helsinki are working, particularly in the area of better human contacts between east and west and the freer flow of information and peoples?

A. The Secretary: I think it is too early to draw any conclusions; there have been some beneficial results in the sense of multiple-entry visas for journalists and there has been some progress in re-uniting families. But I think that it is too early to draw any final conclusions, whether those represent isolated cases, or a trend that is related to the Helsinki conference.

Q. Don McNeill, C.B.C. News: Mr. Secretary, Canadian policy in the past few years has been one of attempted detachment, or dissimulation from the United States, something called here the "Third Option". This has been particularly manifest in an attempt to get something we call a contractual link with Europe. I wonder what is the American response to this policy?

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