

same thing in a sense. We have said, "our foreign policy is to be directed to the advancement of Canadian objectives", just as American policy is to be advanced to the interests of American objectives. In this process, interestingly enough, we both moved on parallel lines. So when one talks about worsening relations, I think of foreign policy. There was criticism in Canada and in the United States when Canada decided to enter into diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. That didn't last very long. Shortly thereafter President Nixon said, "I'm going to Peking". We had criticism in Canada of our exchange of visits with Kosygin when the Prime Minister went to the Soviet Union and Kosygin came to Canada. There was criticism that somehow we were diverging from our policy of friendship with the United States. But Mr. Nixon said, "I'm going to Moscow, too.", so that in fact there is a new appraisal, I think, in both countries of our respective roles in the world.

Q. Well, you seem to be addressing the question of American criticism of foreign policy initiatives taken by Canada. I'm talking about possibly not a groundswell, but a building sentiment of suspicion, of anxiety, about the United States... inside Canada.

SSEA: Canadians are not anti-American. What is going on in Canada. I feel, is a recognition of Canada's unique role in the world. There had been, I think, too much emphasis formerly upon the role of Canada as the honest broker, as the helpful fixer. Now we're looking at Canada in the interests of Canadians and looking at our relations with the United States as we look at our relations with other countries. In the case of the United States it rests upon the fundamental assumption...two assumptions: first, that the United States is our closest friend and ally. The second is: how do you live distinct from such a vast and overwhelming power? These are the two considerations that we have in mind, and it is the second of these: how do we live distinct from this overwhelming world power...

Q. Is it possible?

SSEA: We think so, and it is in this effort to remain friendly but distinct...

Q. But aren't there certain built-in contradictions? For example, there seems to be a sense of unease about the dimensions of American investment, economic investment, in Canada. A fear that perhaps too much control rests in the hands of Americans. At the same time it would seem to me that you are also concerned about there being enough American investment to come into Canada so that the Canadians can proceed with certain economic programmes they have for development. Aren't you caught in a contradiction?