

external affairs and environment issues on our side and the Department of State of the United States on the other. With respect to these issues, we are satisfied that the outstanding points have now been resolved; that we have a means of going forward without concern that when the United States 200-mile Fishery Zone Legislation becomes effective on March 1, there will be friction. There is an understanding -- I think it is fair to say, and Mr. Vine will correct me -- that we now have a firm basis for an interim arrangement, while we look to the long term -- and the long term, of course, includes the Law of the Sea Conference and how this will be dealt with, with all Countries.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: What is the firm basis for this interrelationship?

MR. HEAD: I am sorry. I am not aware of the particular details. Perhaps Mr. Vine could help us, because he could certainly be involved in those discussions.

MR. VINE: Thank you.

We have been negotiating with the Canadian Government, over the past several months, through the major meeting in Los Angeles, and since, on an Interim Fisheries Agreement that would bridge the transition of the coming into force of our 200-mile Zone on March 1.

The Canadian Zone has been in effect since the first of January, and they have generally foreborn any