

Q.: Do you expect any more options? Is this as far as the Government is prepared to go, just to stop flights to Montreal?

A.: No. I've never said that. I think the response has been a graduated one or progressive one. It will depend on events whether anything else happens. I'm not planning on a further step at the present time.

Q.: Does the Soviet statement today make compensation easier to obtain?

A.: I think it would be easier to obtain if the Soviet Union accepted some responsibility for the event, for the shooting down of this passenger plane. The Soviet Union in its statement has accepted no responsibility whatsoever. Because it states the entire responsibility rests with the United States. It's quite implausible.

Q.: I understand the Premier of Nova Scotia cancelled the Moscow Circus tour. Are these steps still appropriate?

A.: I think that if the Premier of Nova Scotia cancelled the circus, that it was in accordance with the feelings of the government of Nova Scotia, and I would support it.

Q.: You went into caucus today. Did this come up?

A.: I think that what I heard from members of the caucus was they generally thought we had responded in a pretty appropriate way.

Q.: What does Canada want?

A.: Let me repeat that in addition to the efforts that we ought to take up in international bodies such as the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization, actions which should involve the full disclosure and revelation of what happened. To set up procedures on safeguards or understandings, so that a repetition can be avoided in the future. That obviously will be of deep significance to every traveller. These are things we want. We want the Soviet Union to accept responsibility for this particular event, which it has not yet done, because it has clearly said that this is the responsibility of the U.S.A., even though we have stopped the plane. It has not gone in the direction of