

- A. (S) Any casualties of course are matters of great concern and concern on the part of the President and all of us. The marines are there to serve a purpose, they're there along with the representatives of other countries and the multinational force of Italy, France and the United Kingdom, and we are determined to see that purpose through and that's why they are there. As far as defending themselves is concerned, they will defend themselves.
- Q. Mr. Schultz, yesterday for the presentation of the toasts, both of you stressed the friendship of the two countries and usefulness of these meetings to solve bilateral issues. One issue of great importance to Nova Scotia is the boundary issue and the fishing rights on Georges Banks. Do you believe that we'll have to go all the way to the Hague before we get a solution to that problem?
- A. (S) Well if it takes that then we'll do that but we'll do it in a good spirit, in a sense of presenting our respective sides and in a sense of being prepared to accept whatever the verdict is. So I think that a good way to approach that, the subject of dispute over fishing matters, is something that I find as a Foreign Minister exists with many countries and fish seem to be a source of great tension somehow, but we want to resolve these issues and I think in the case of West Coast salmon, to take another example, we did manage to keep things under control during the current fishing season and we both have agreed to instruct our negotiators to do everything they can to bring about a positive result in that particular negotiation.
- Q. May I ask if you have discussed that issue, Mr. MacEachen, with your colleague, or if you intend to discuss it at future meetings?
- A. (M) The question of fish?
- Q. The question of Georges Bank and the question of the boundary on the Gulf of Maine?
- A. (M) Well the question of the boundary is now, by agreement with both countries, before the Court.
- Q. You don't forecast an out-of-court settlement.