

President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada which reaffirms the intention of both Canada and the United States to respect the ABM Treaty in so far as SDI is concerned.³

In January 1986, Mr. Clark again outlined Canada's strong support for the ABM Treaty.

Canada firmly supports the regime created by the ABM Treaty....Our stance toward SDI research is rooted in the need to conform strictly with the provisions of the ABM Treaty. We will continue to urge the parties to these treaties to do nothing to undermine their integrity but, rather, to work to reinforce their status and their authority.⁴

Parliamentary Comment

In March 1985, NDP member Pauline Jewett cautioned Mr. Clark that SDI would damage the ABM Treaty. She said:

...research inevitably leads to development and deployment....Therefore, pursuit of star wars will mean abandoning deterrence, threatening the ABM Treaty and diverting money and races to an armed race in space.⁵

Mr. Clark responded:

...the interpretation of the ABM Treaty is an interpretation which allows research. That is all that Canada has approved...we have now received an invitation to consider taking part in that research. That is consistent with the ABM Treaty.⁶

NDP member Derek Blackburn asked the Prime Minister if he agreed that "any

³ Commons Debates, 19 March 1985. p. 3166.

⁴ Commons Debates, 23 January 1986. p. 10101.

⁵ Commons Debates, 28 March 1985. p. 3459.

⁶ Ibid., p. 3460.