Mr. Clark pointed out that the Independent Counsel "distorts both U.S. and international law in advancing the notion of an implied waiver of diplomatic immunity". Both U.S. and international law require an express waiver of diplomatic immunity by the sending Government.

In summary, "Mr Seymour's argument is irresponsible", Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Clark expressed satisfaction that the State Department has supported fully Canada's position in a letter to the Independent Counsel from the Department's Legal Advisor, Judge Abraham Sofaer.