

Soviet attempt to introduce these now is a ploy, but I do believe that there is a serious issue longer term here beyond the immediate INF negotiations. I don't see how we in Britain and France as NATO members can say, well we wear one hat as NATO members and therefore we support the United States in their negotiations on the balance of weaponry, but we have other hats that we wear as independent powers and we can have our own deterrents greatly escalating into the D-5 system targetted on the Soviet Union without them taking that into account. That does not seem to be a sustainable position and I would therefore say to Canada don't be dismayed if we in Britain or some of us in Britain (and David Owen and I have not yet decided what our line will be on the actual vote, parliamentary vote, on Cruise missile deployment,) but it may be, to adopt the phrase of this conference, that we have to lean against the wind and because of the refusal of Britain, of the British government, either to contemplate to entertain at any future point the elimination of the British independent deterrent or count to even it in the East-West balance and the refusal to contemplate any new political agreement with the United States on the dual-key mechanism for Trident, for Cruise for example, that we may be forced to vote against. I wouldn't worry about that. But my last point is: let Canada act much more openly as a bridge between Europe and the United States.

Albert Legault: I would like to pick up on a point which has been developed by David Steel which reminds me of a comment John Holmes made when we reviewed our policy in '69. Maybe we would have to withdraw our troops from Europe to remind Europe that they are still there.

Just two quick interventions on some of the questions which have been raised. I agree with Frank Griffiths. I don't think that the issue for us is to settle the problem of whether or not the nuclear threshold can be raised. I mean I have a great sense of uneasiness about this particular question because as an expert I've been discussing this question since 1958. Maxwell Taylor was the first