

DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. General Nature of the Canada-U.S. Relationship

1. Describe relations between the two countries as they exist today.
2. How have they changed recently?
3. How do you expect them to evolve in the future?
4. How would you describe the relationship between Prime Minister Mulroney and President Reagan? How does it differ from the relationship which Prime Minister Trudeau had with President Reagan and other American presidents?

B. Defense Issues

1. Have you heard anything about plans to improve the early warning radar system designed to protect Canada from air attacks from the North? What do you know about this? What is your impression of these plans? Why?
2. Who should pay for this type of plan? (Canada, U.S., joint?) Why?
3. Generally speaking, is it reasonable to expect that Canada will get procurement benefits? Should they be demanded? If you were responsible for negotiating this with the Americans what would your approach be?

C. Strategic Defense Initiatives

1. Have you heard/can you tell me anything about something called the Strategic Defense Initiative which is also known as the "Star Wars" plan? What is your impression of the plan? Why?
2. Do you see it as something which will increase or decrease the chances of a war? Why?
3. Will you feel better defended as Canadians if the Star Wars plan goes ahead?
4. Should the development of new plans like this go ahead (or even be announced) before the next arms talks take place in Geneva?
5. How would you describe President Reagan's approach going into the next round of talks? How committed is he to the goals of nuclear disarmament? How about the Soviets? Why have they agreed to resume negotiations? How sincere is their desire for disarmament?