

particularly-that proposal -- the Arctic Gas Fund -- but we looked at the various alternatives including the Alcan route. There was a great interest, on the part of the President, of our attitude regarding Pipelines. I was as forthcoming as I could be--in the strictures of the present situation.

Canadians generally--and certainly our Government--want to be as helpful to the Americans as we can, in this particular aspect. That is what our visit is all about. That is what friendship is all about.

After all, it is American gas, to American consumers, and we don't want to be dogs in the manger about this.

I reminded the President -- which he knew, I am sure -- that we have pipelines through the United States, serving Canadian territory, and -- other things being equal -- we want to be as forthcoming as the Americans.

The President knows that there are some problems which have to be solved -- problems which are, also, familiar to Americans -- environmental problems, and native-right problems, and rather complicated economic consequences of a vast injection of capital into Canada -- investment capital into Canada.

These are problems which are being studied, now, by the National Energy Board, and by a Royal Commission headed by Judge Berger. So, until these report, the Government will not even be -- even legally -- in a position to reject