

bureaucratic grinder it comes out as being a kind of pabulum. That is what we have seen here. The fact is is that it is in the opposition's interest to take part and it is in the interest of all of those groups that are opposed to closer trade relations or closer defence relations with the United States to appear before these committees. And in fact it seems to me from discussions with people close to the Prime Minister the issue for Joe Clark and I think in a way he has been set up on this is the fact that where other contentious issues have come up which could embarrass the government, for example the task force on public broadcasting will hold private hearings. It is not being done by a parliamentary committee, it is not being done in a way that those who are great supporters of public broadcasting will have an opportunity to make their views known in public - it will be done in private.

CEC : Although the co-chairman, Jerry Caplan, has said
 that he will hear briefs from any Canadian who
wants to submit one.

DUFFY : Absolutely - of course they will hear from anyone
 who wants to, but what I am saying is it will be
done in private and so that there will not be the massive news
coverage that you will get at a Commons-Senate committee on
foreign relations in which every interest group that is opposed to
what the government plans to do will have an opportunity to appear
in public. So Joe has got a political...the Prime Minister's Office
is saying, holy cats, why do we now have to go ahead with this.