

does with other countries. We have a rather different approach which is very parallel to the Nixon Doctrine.

Q. You reject the word "bad" in describing relations between Canada and the United States; you prefer the word "changing".

SSEA: Changing, yes...

Q. How do you explain Prime Minister Trudeau's saying in reference to the Secretary of the Treasury, "With friends like Mr. Connally, who needs enemies?"?

SSEA: Well, these are the sort of offhand remarks... If you'd heard the other part of the exchange as I did.

Q. What was the other part?

SSEA: Well, the other part of the exchange was something about Mr. Connally and some remark that he had made about Canada. So the Prime Minister in a rather light-hearted way used the old cliché, but...

Q. What was that remark? Can you share that with us?

SSEA: Well, this was a question put to Mr. Trudeau about a criticism that had been made by Mr. Connally of Canada's policy, so the Prime Minister, just in order to make a little retort in kind, as he felt, but not to be taken seriously.

Q. I wonder if you'd excuse me if I say that I find what you are saying to be in a kind of minority on the basis of what I've been hearing in my few days in Canada, and that is to say that the relations between the two countries are described in terms of their being irritating at the present time, their being difficult, awkward, and even the worst, as I've read in one Canadian newspaper. You accept "changing". I get it told to me in a much more negative way.

SSEA: No, I don't accept that. If you look around the world, and perhaps I see it a little more clearly from my position as Foreign Minister of Canada, and I look at relations between other countries, I would still say that relations between Canada and the United States are the best between any two countries in the world, and the closest.

Q. How do you explain what I've been hearing -- the rhythms of irritation, discontent; the fear of economic absorption, and so forth?

SSEA: Well, this is because of the changing relationships between the two countries. In both countries there is a rather different spirit. You know, the Nixon Doctrine is inspired by the idea that the United States should limit its commitments to its capacity to discharge them. We have done the