

Oral Questions

in the official or non-official negotiations pertaining to that project?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can state definitively. The answer is no.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**INVESTIGATION OF SKY SHOPS—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF POLICE REPORT UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the Solicitor General has already said that he does not discuss details of police reports while an investigation is taking place. I have also heard him say that he does not table reports after an investigation is completed. Will the minister give us any assurance that when these investigations are completed, the police reports will be tabled in the House?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker, I will not. The reason we do not table police reports in many cases is that if a police investigation proves to be negative, it would be completely contrary to the civil rights of the individuals involved to publish the details of the investigation for every one to see. Very often allegations are made against many individuals and it is the responsibility of the police to investigate those allegations. In a great number of cases, the allegations are found to be false. If that is the case, I do not think it is right to publish them in the House of Commons.

INVESTIGATION OF SKY SHOPS—REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I expected that, Mr. Speaker. I knew that was what the Solicitor General would say. Therefore, I have to ask the members of the government why they keep hiding behind the fact that a police investigation is being made into something that very closely touches the government, parliament and this country. Does the Prime Minister not think it is now time for a public investigation into the whole affair relating to Senator Giguère and alleged conflicts of interest? In view of reports of police raids, search warrants and evidence of substantial sums being paid, a *prima facie* indication of a substantial conflict of interest, will the Prime Minister set the minds of the Canadian public at ease and order a public inquiry at this time?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I had occasion earlier to remind the House that Senator Giguère offered to testify in front of a committee of the Senate, a committee of his peers, to answer to any aspect that might worry them. I understand from the Solicitor General that the police investigation is proceeding as it should. A great deal of documents have been seized from the Senator. The police investigation is proceeding. If the tables were turned and had we seized under warrant the documents of some Tory member of parliament, we would hear screams about the intervening of the police into the affairs of a member of parliament. I would not, as might

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the Leader of the Opposition, be inclined to put into public inquiry areas which are being thoroughly investigated by the police until there is some evidence that the police cannot carry out their role because of some difficulty of which I know nothing at this time.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ANY AGREEMENT REACHED ON SAFEGUARDS BY SUPPLIERS**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has Canada entered into an agreement with other nations which produce or can produce nuclear reactors for a new set of safeguards against the diversion into weapon material by purchasers, and will the minister at the first opportunity table in the House any such agreement?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the nuclear suppliers to arrive at upgraded standards. I have not had an up-to-date report on whether a final agreement has been reached, but when such has happened, I will certainly consider making its contents known to the House.

SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO SOUTH KOREA—DATE OF COMPLETION OF SALE AND TABLING OF AGREEMENT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Will the minister advise whether the agreement with South Korea for the sale of a nuclear reactor, which sale the minister stated in the House several weeks ago was nearly completed, has been completed and how soon that agreement can be tabled in the House, as the minister agreed it should be?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the agreement has not been signed with South Korea. The authorizing order-in-council will be sought at an early date with a view to signing such an agreement. When an agreement is signed, I will certainly make every effort to have its contents available to members of the House. I certainly will table the agreement.

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ENERGY**PROPOSED PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN CANADA—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Don Gillies (Don Valley): In the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Speaker, I will direct my question to his parliamentary secretary. Considering the latest request from the Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, can the parliamentary secretary tell the House whether the government is planning to launch a public inquiry into the use of nuclear energy in Canada? As the parliamentary secretary probably knows, this weekend this important group called for a re-examination of the use of nuclear energy in Canada, its effect on