

take part in the research under the SDI project. We got an expert in Washington now trying to get a precise definition of the invitation. He reports some time in June. That will...

CBC :           Who will he report to, Mr. Clark?

CLARK :          He reports to the Prime Minister and then into cabinet. That is one of the factors that we then base our decision on.

CBC :           If I can stop you there, and I don't take the thing away from you - but the fact is that the experts who are talking about SDI do not report to External Affairs, that the issue of SDI is not being decided by External Affairs, it being decided by the Prime Minister, that matters of Canada's relations with the United States in matters of defence and trade were probably already decided on September the fourth, the one area of Conservative Party which has been perfectly clear coming from Mr. Mulroney who has taken a very personal and direct hand in that policy. Now it leaves you in a situation where you have got a green paper to discuss the policies but the criticism is they have already been decided.

CLARK :          They haven't been decided, that is the point. The criticism is false. And let's start with that. And specific decisions on specific elements of trade policy or of defence policy have not been taken. And while the report goes to the Prime Minister, as most reports do, and while all