

Government can make a final decision within, say, one year? Or is it likely to be longer than one year before Canada can give the Government a final answer?

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: We realize that we have to give you a final answer -- whatever it be -- before the end of the year. The President's deadlines-- I believe even the ultimate ones -- will expire at the end of the geographical year and, likely, they will expire before. So we realize that giving you no answer is an answer, in a sense and, if there is no pipeline from Canada, I suppose there is the El Paso route which is the one that the Americans would go for.

It is a more costly one for you, and it has certain disadvantages for Canada, too, and, therefore, we are very aware of the time strictures, and we will have to give you an answer at whatever deadline the President feels he has -- likely one in September.

So there will be an answer, and I hope it will be in line with the friendship of our Countries, and one which is to the advantage of both Countries.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Prime Minister, a moment ago -- in answer to Doug Small's question about the choice--you mentioned that Canadians will have to make a mature choice with respect to the accomodation of the Quebec problem.

Jim, on the other hand, was saying: "You cannot