

second thing I'd make to deal, I hope for the only time this press conference, in a hypothetical... Let's assume for the moment, for the sake of argument, that the government of Canada decides to reject the invitation from the United States to take part in Strategic Defence Initiative Research. Let's make that assumption and let's assume that the committee after its hearings reported unanimously that that was wrong, that we should in fact be taking part in that research. I think that a government that had a decision to reject the invitation would have to pay attention to a unanimous decision, a unanimous recommendation by a committee, that we should consider that research. That is a hypothetical but I think it makes the point that I'm trying to make.

MODERATOR: Robert Hepburn.

Q: Mr. Clark, in your forward you say that reduction of the budget deficit may require further re-entrenchment of some of our international activities. Throughout this paper the only place that I can find that you talk about possible cutbacks is in foreign aid. Is that an oversight or is that the only place that you are looking at possible cutbacks?

CLARK: Bob, everytime I come to a press conference on a specific topic you ask a question on another one. You'll have to wait for the budget to see what happens to the budget in...with regard to the Department of External Affairs and CIDA and ODA.