SUMMARY

In a speech to the Foreign Policy Association in New York on November 18, 1985, the Secretary of State for External Affairs made the following points:

- We are prepared to examine the broadest possible package of reductions of tariff and non-tariff barriers, and we recognize that any deal would have to be mutually beneficial.
- Canadians will always be worried about any steps which appear
 to call into question the government's economic autonomy or
 undermine fundamental national interests, values or social
 institutions.
- Protection of our distinct cultural identity is of singular importance to Canada.
- Our government's intention to promote culture in Canada through direct financial support is simply not at issue in a trade negotiation.
- We are prepared to discuss with the U.S. ways we can strengthen cultural industries through trade. But under no circumstances, are we prepared to agree to any measures which weaken those Canadian industries or undermine their capacity to serve our cultural needs.