

J. NEUBACHER (Detroit Free Press, Canadian Bureau):

Pardon me for not standing up, sir. In the week before Mr. Reagan's visit to Canada, there were a number of actions taken by the U.S. administration that aroused a lot of concern in Ottawa, in the House of Commons, and in the press. After talking to Mr. Reagan on Tuesday, is it your feeling that that was a conscious negotiating tactic by the American team, or a series of maybe insensitive coincidences?

A. I don't know. If it was the former, I would say they are pretty smart; and if it was the latter, I would say they are not very smart. But I am not quite sure which of the two it is.

I think it is an interesting question, and it can be examined. Certainly, there are some decisions which, quite frankly, if they were going to be unpopular with the Canadian government, it was better to get them out before coming, as in the case of delinkage with the Fisheries Agreement, than to come here and be all sweetness and light and then go home and two weeks later say, "We didn't mean it; we are going to now delink, which we know you don't like."

So, I think that was smart, if that is why they did it. But, you know, I cannot speculate with any more information than you can on whether it was intentional or not.

SUSAN HELWIG, (CBC Radio News): Mr. Prime Minister, Alexander Haig indicated yesterday that there were two areas in which the visit could be said to have influenced American policy. The first of these was the possibility of trilateral discussions and the second was the possible American participation