

On 31 July 1987 the NDP presented a policy paper on defence. The paper stated that Canada's contribution to NATO is "no longer militarily significant" and that Canada could "now make a more effective contribution to peace and security outside of NATO." The NDP said Canada should end cruise missile testing as well as low-level flying runs by NATO allies. Canada should end the NORAD agreement but establish a new agreement with the United States under which Canada would have complete responsibility for surveillance and defence of Canada. Like the White Paper, the NDP paper suggests improving the navy, however, the NDP advocates purchasing conventional submarines rather than nuclear-powered submarines.²³

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