

purposes that makes communication easy and the solution of fundamental problems in a common framework substantially necessary. But, if that turns out to be wrong, then each country must go its own way according to its own convictions.

The Minister: I agreed with what you said last night. I agree with what you say today. I think what I have been saying about the "special relationship," at least as I interpreted it, is that when we do discuss issues, that normally we discuss them in the light of our own national interests. Where these conflict, we attempt to harmonize the differences, or reduce the element of conflict, and where we reach an impasse, we recognize it as such and act accordingly in dealing with issues which, from my point of view, can only lead to an even healthier relationship between our two countries.

However, in defining it in that particular way, a limited definition, I certainly agree with what Dr. Kissinger has described with respect to the kind of relationship that we do have with the United States, which I described last night as "unique"; and which someone told me today in the Webster Dictionary was a synonym for "special"; so I don't know where that leaves us. The relationship is satisfactory, in any event.

Mr. Hargreaves: Bruce Phillips, C.T.V.

Q. Bruce Phillips, C.T.V.: Mr. Secretary, are you satisfied with the scale of Canadian contribution to collective Western defence? Would you like to see Canada do more?

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