

U.S. and said Canada is big enough to compete with America in international trade markets.

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Joe Clark told reporters that his government's approach to the U.S. will consist of "focusing on particular issues of particular importance to us and avoiding unnecessary friction on other questions." He also said the PC government hopes to be able to expand its influence with the Soviet Union, but he did not elaborate.

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In an end-of-the-year interview with CTV, the PM said that although his government will give the U.S. the benefit of the doubt on controversial foreign policy initiatives, he will risk American wrath if taking an independent stand "were determined to be in the Canadian interest." He also said he would be less than enthusiastic about a possible U.S. request for co-operation in the U.S. "Star Wars" defence plan.

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Joe Clark rejected Opposition claims that Canada is becoming too friendly with the U.S., saying this country is big enough to compete with the U.S. in international trade markets and shouldn't erect protective fences around itself.

Ottawa Citizen, Globe and Mail, Toronto Star Sept. 19/84

Advance stories on pending visit of new Prime Minister Mulroney to Washington for talks with President Reagan. General points made re: objectives of more sympathetic relationship plus some specifics on trade questions.

Le Devoir Sept. 19/84

Advance from Ottawa by Bernard Descoteaux on forthcoming Mulroney-Reagan meeting.

Toronto Star - second advance story on day of meeting Sept. 23/84
(by Val Sears)

Globe and Mail Nov. 19/84

(from Montreal Bureau of Globe--staff story)

Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau warned in a radio interview that Prime Minister Mulroney should be prepared to spell out the truth to U.S. President Reagan when major differences between the two countries arise. The "buddy-buddy" policy was appropriate in the short term, but over the longer haul when differences arise on basic questions, it is important to tell each other the truth, Mr. Trudeau cautioned.

Toronto Star Sept. 26/84

(by Val Sears)

Story indicates Prime Minister Mulroney told President Reagan Canada wants a special relationship with the United States but intends to pursue an independent foreign policy.