

self-interest we are determined that our position should be clearly understood -- and not overtaken by default. I look forward to the opportunity of discussing these questions in greater detail with Dr. Kissinger and with Mr. Christopher Soames in the very near future.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I find there is a tendency when speaking about issues of great importance to us all to say that I am expressing "the Canadian view". Very often, of course, this is both pretentious and inaccurate. I should be expressing "the view of the Canadian Government". For as this group will be aware, the views of the government are not always uniformly accepted across the land. Newspapers especially tend to have their own point of view. Although, as you may have noticed over the years we, on the government side, are not invariably graceful or generous in acknowledging this role of the press, we do value it.

I believe that in spirit we would subscribe to these remarks by Thomas Jefferson:

"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter."