

SSEA: Certainly I would have no objection at all to the committee giving priority to questions on which the government has to make decisions quickly so that we will have the benefit of the advice of the people of Canada and the Parliament of Canada before we have to take those decisions. I would have no objection to that.

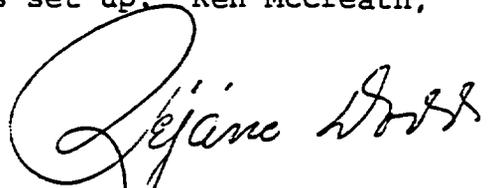
KM: Mr. Clark needs the Opposition. He can't set up a special Commons committee without all-party approval. Last month the Americans gave NATO allies six weeks to make up their minds about taking part in Star Wars. Mr. Clark rejects that deadline.

SSEA: I'm saying that we have to make a decision sometime in the next three to four months on one aspect of the question: the invitation from the Americans. It would be very helpful to us to receive the views of Canadians as one element on which we base our judgement.

KM: Mr. Clark doesn't promise he'll wait for an interim committee report before answering the Americans. That's what NDP Leader Ed Broadbent wants him to do.

EB: And if Mr. Clark has said that outside the House, is prepared to state it again tomorrow in the House of Commons to make it very clear that that's government policy, we would certainly see that as genuine progress and we would participate.

KM: The Opposition apparently feels the boycott was a little strong; after all, the Liberals and the New Democrats have points they want to make about foreign policy and they can't unless the committee they threaten to ignore, is set up. Ken McCreath, CBC News, Ottawa.



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