

TRANSCRIPT OF A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
THE HONOURABLE ALLAN J. MacEACHEN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

AND

THE HONOURABLE GEORGE P. SCHULTZ, SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Statement by The Honourable George Schultz

Well I'd like to express my appreciation to Allan MacEachen and his colleagues and to the people of Halifax for the very good setting and the good conversation that we've had. We've had a very worthwhile meeting from my standpoint, so I am glad to have had the opportunity once again to have the meeting. I'm glad that Bill Ruckelshaus was able to join me and help in signing the Agreement on phosphorous, also to help in explaining about acid rain.

Statement by The Honourable Allan MacEachen

Well I certainly share Mr. Schultz's appreciation of the meeting. I think it was an extremely good meeting I appreciate his presence in Canada for another meeting and particularly in Halifax, and also the presence of Mr. Ruckelshaus because it illustrates the importance which both governments attaches to environmental questions and the necessity of making progress as we are both determined to do in the future. We had a pretty thorough canvass of bilateral questions and that has been the practise of our regular meeting and I think I can say that the question of bilateral issues has never been addressed more intensively in the past and we have certainly appreciated that development. On multilateral questions, East-West relations, alliance questions were part of our discussions and certainly, as I stated in my address last evening, Canada stands with the United States and its other allies in support of the two-track NATO decision and the implications of that decision as may be demonstrated in the deployment of missiles in Europe in the absence of a satisfactory agreement. We have demonstrated our solidarity with the Alliance and our association with the United States in our commitment to test the cruise missile. Those decisions are still very important parts of Canadian foreign policy and I believe that constituted a very important common cornerstone of our discussion.