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become involved in the US forward Maritime Strategy. Mr. Andre responded that Canadian submarine activities would always be carried out "in the context of NATO policy".18

NDP member Pauline Jewett asked about the apparent contradiction between the purchase of nuclear submarines and Canada's nonproliferation policy. She asked:

> ...nuclear powered submarines would require highly enriched uranium fuel. Canada has no facilities to create such a fuel. Does the Government plan...to export Canadian uranium to...[a] major nuclear weapons state to have it enriched for [its] subs? And is this not a blatant violation of Canada's own policy of forbidding the export of uranium for military purposes, including the fueling of nuclear submarines?19

Mr. Beatty responded that, "All of our actions will be fully consistent with Canadian treaty obligations under the NPT."20 Ms. Jewett continued to question how Canada was going to obtain the enriched uranium needed to power nuclear submarines and how this would affect Canada's non-proliferation policy. She asked:

> Will the Prime Minister assure the House that Canada will not use, import, or produce weapons-grade enriched uranium for military purposes, including the fueling of military submarines?²¹

Mr. Clark replied that "...we intend to continue to be consistent with the non-proliferation treaty which Canada has signed."22

- 18 Commons Debates, 8 June 1987, p. 6834.
- 19 Commons Debates, 11 June 1987, p. 6997.
- 20 Ibid., p. 6998.
- 21 <u>Commons Debates</u>, 23 June 1987, p. 7527.
- 22 Ibid., p. 7528.