

MR. COLEMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, could we have your attention now, please?

Mr. Ivan Head has arrived.

To those of you who are not familiar with our briefings, this briefing is a background briefing by Mr. Ivan Head from the Prime Minister's Office, for attribution unto the official from the Prime Minister's Office.

Mr. Head has twenty minutes, so, if--after his initial remarks--you would confine your questions to today's talks, we will have another briefing after the talks tomorrow.

MR. HEAD: Thank you.

The conversations this afternoon took place in the Cabinet Room in the White House.

Present on the United States side were the President, the Vice President; the Acting Secretary of State and Officials.

On the Canadian side were the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Officials.

The conversations, as you know, lasted approximately an hour-and-a-half.

After you last saw us, we moved inside; had a cup of coffee; and then sat right down to business while some photographs of the Prime Minister and the President, together, were taken.