

MR. FARRELL: Good morning.

I am Robert Farrell, President of the National Press Club.

We are pleased, Mr. Prime Minister, that you are giving your only press conference--during your State visit here--in our club.

The ground rules for questioning are simple, and have been requested by the Prime Minister's Office.

In order to give our visiting Canadian colleagues a fair crack at their Prime Minister, we will attempt to alternate questions between Canadian and non-Canadian journalists. Mr. John Charpentier, of the Prime Minister's Office will hand-designate the Canadians; and I have been asked to do the same for the non-Canadians.

Canada--being a bi-lingual Country -- questions may be put either in English or in French, and simultaneous translation has been provided.

Let's take the first question from the Canadians.

.....(Due to technical difficulties, the French translation in English was not accomplished over the public address system.)

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Prime Minister, have you discussed with the President--or will you discuss with the President-- the Arctic Gas Pipeline proposal?

What is your position on that?

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: Well, we discussed-- not