

Q. Now closer to home, with the United States, the problems seem to centre around trade, but there have been some other differences on policy, some perhaps more apparent than real over the Vietnam peacekeeping idea or truce supervisory idea. Are political differences hampering other relations?

A. I don't think so, I don't see any evidence, indeed, I was gratified the other day when Secretary Rogers was asked whether the conditions we laid down for our Vietnamese participation on the Supervisory Commission were reasonable and he said perfectly reasonable, the Canadians are perfectly reasonable. So if anybody had had any doubts about this before I think they were removed by Secretary Rogers' statement. Some people had suggested that there was a misunderstanding, a difference of view, but as far as I knew there wasn't. And I was gratified without any coaching from our side when Secretary Rogers answered a press inquiry by saying that the conditions we laid down for our participation were perfectly reasonable. I don't think that we have any major political differences, we have some difficult trade issues and these I think in 1973 will be discussed at great length, I hope they can all be settled amicably. I don't think there is any reason why they shouldn't be. We both are mutual beneficiaries, for example of the automobile agreement, both Canada and the United States have benefited. This is... then if we approach it from this basis I don't think we'll have difficulty in reaching settlement. On resources, there aren't any differences. The Americans have certain objectives and so have we and I believe that we can probably settle our differences to be mutually beneficial. After all, in any trade negotiation it is only successful if both sides benefit.

Q. Thank you very much Mr. Sharp.