

nothing for a year while policy is being discussed and on the other hand carry on activity but not allow public participation? In that...I think that's a false dichotomy.

Q: Well sir you had an interesting hypothesis with respect to the SDI. What if you turned it around and got involved in a long term profound commitment? Could you undo it? And that's really the same question in this case.

CLARK: I guess the question that a government would have to...I guess the real question you're asking me is would we try to undo it if there was a recommendation by a committee, a unanimous, strong, persuasive recommendation that we should try. My view is that we wouldn't close the door on trying to change a basic decision that we might have taken whether in trade or in defence or something else in the face of that kind of strong, persuasive, unanimous recommendation from the committee. In other words, we expect to receive advice that will cause us to change policy, that's the purpose of the process.

Q: ...Go into serious negotiations with the Americans on the basis that you're free to change your mind if a report came in recommending otherwise?

CLARK: We live in a parliamentary system where a government... one government can't be bound by...one Parliament can't bind the actions of another Parliament so that to degree there is always that kind of uncertainty. We don't know what