

the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit next month. But if both sides continue to manage the issue with care, there is every prospect for further mutual reductions.⁵

Parliamentary Comment

On 9 December 1987, NDP member Pauline Jewett asked the Prime Minister whether and to what extent Canada had expressed its concern on arms control, and on ALCMs and SLCMs in particular, to the superpowers. The Prime Minister replied:

On the communications we have had on this very important subject, we have conveyed the views of the Government of Canada in regard to the steps which we believe ought to be taken to secure further reductions in the possible deployment of nuclear arms.⁶

The question of cruise missiles and the START agenda was raised again in January by Liberal Member Douglas Frith:

...in a post-INF world both superpowers will be putting more emphasis on air-launched and sea-launched cruise missile weaponry systems. Therefore, today it is more important than ever for the two superpowers to put cruise missile systems on the START agenda as a priority.

Why does Canada not cease the testing of the cruise and demand that Canada's long-term policy objectives and defence interests be given top priority in that START agenda?

⁵ Office of the Prime Minister, "Notes for an Address Before the Bilderberg Dinner," 1 October 1987, p. 4.

⁶ Commons Debates, 9 December 1987, pp. 11626-27.