July 7

Prime Minister and Premiers meet in Ottawa as part of quarterly consultations.

July 2

At a meeting in Detroit, Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz rededicate both countries to the negotiations. Secretary Shultz says: "Success is not assured, but we are optimistic that we will be able to conclude a draft agreement which advances the economic interests of both countries and present it for congressional and parliamentary review in early October". Minister Clark warns against "groups in both our countries who are ready to be afraid or who think it is better politics to look inward than to reach outwards ... if this negotiation fails, let it fail on its merits. If it is to succeed, and it certainly can, all of us who know the merits of expanded trade must enter fully in the debate."

June 29

Sixteenth meeting (Ottawa).

June 22-23

Fifteenth meeting (Ottawa).

June 15-16

Fourteenth meeting (Washington).

June 11

The Prime Minister and President meet in the aftermath of the Venice Summit. Afterwards, the PM told the press that the two sides, "have a long way to go" but that it was "absolutely vital" because a "free trade arrangement means growth and prosperity and jobs for Canadians. But it's got to be fair. It's got to be fair for the U.S. as well. And we think we can conclude that."

June 8

American Coalition on Trade Expansion with Canada, group of U.S. trade associations and business, is created to lobby for comprehensive trade deal.