

- A recommendation that the U.S. cabinet official heading the technology development panel and a Canadian cabinet official jointly advise the Prime Minister and the President who should be prepared to intercede personally from time to time.
- A recommendation that both governments review their existing air pollution programs and legislation to identify opportunities, consistent with existing law, for addressing environmental concerns related to transboundary air pollution.
- A recommendation that agencies contemplating changes to laws or regulations that may alter the flow of transboundary pollutants should give timely notice of their intent to agencies of the other country through diplomatic channels.

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LETTER FROM THE
HONOURABLE WILLIAM G.
DAVIS, SPECIAL ENVOY ON
ACID RAIN, TO PRIME
MINISTER BRIAN
MULRONEY, JANUARY 8,
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It has been my honour to serve as Canada's Special Envoy on Acid Rain since my appointment to that position on March 18, 1985. I am pleased to enclose herewith, the Joint Report of the Special Envoys prepared by my American counterpart, Mr. Drew Lewis, and myself. It contains our findings and recommendations.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Lewis for his co-operation during the course of our discussions. I found him at all times to be forthright and understanding; an articulate spokesman of this country's position, and a sympathetic listener to Canada's views. The progress we have made is due in no small measure to his energy and enthusiasm, and to his deep personal commitment to carry this enterprise forward, as his President wished.

I too have been deeply conscious of the importance which you attach to the issue we have addressed, and to the experiment in Canada/U.S. relations which our joint task has represented. Recognizing the formidable obstacles in our path, Mr. Lewis and I have sought at all times to eschew dramatic but unworkable initiatives. Rather, we resolved to seek out areas where real progress could be made and where differences between national positions could be narrowed.

In that spirit, we have made progress on a number of fronts, which I would like to highlight briefly: