

You are aware that in the Canada/U.S. relations, we have always been successful because there is a desire on both sides of the Border not to link issues. Therefore, we can be tough on one; disagree on another; and be happy on another. This is a rather sophisticated approach. It worked well for Canada and, I hope, for the United States. It appears that Mr. Carter may well be wanting to introduce this kind of policy-application in his relations with the Soviet Union. I think we have to wait for a while to find out what the Soviet response would be. You do know that Mr. Vance plans to visit the Soviet Union sometime this Spring. And the first signal, I should think, would come back following that trip.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Are we waiting for that signal to come back before we say whether they approve or disapprove?

MR. HEAD: We seek effectiveness; and we have, possibly, followed the opposite view. We have tended not to be overly critical in public, hoping that -- by being critical in a more quiet fashion -- we would get what we wanted.

It is a question of measurement as to whether we have gotten enough by our technique.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: You did not answer the second part of my question:

Were there other ways that the President sought assistance on nuclear matters?

You used that term; that he "sought assistance" and