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CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS

GOVERNMENT'S NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE U.S.

EDITORIALS

La Presse Sept. 26/84

(by Michel Roy)

The first meeting between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney took place in a climate of friendship and hope for improved relations. But, to his credit, Mulroney didn't ignore touchy issues like acid rain and the effect of the high American deficit on our dollar and interest rates.

Le Devoir Sept. 26/84

(by Jean-Louis Roy)

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's visit to Washington was a fruitful one. He succeeded in arousing American interest in Canada and in obtaining commitments to increase the frequency of meetings between American and Canadian finance and external affairs ministers.

Halifax Chronicle Herald Oct. 1/84

The lead editorial praises the PM's performance during his Washington visit, saying he emphasized that Canadians are not willing to become economic or cultural slaves to Washington. It says he did this diplomatically and not in the "self-conscious" style of Trudeau. It also says the new Investment Canada legislation will further help convince the U.S. that the chip has been knocked off the shoulder of Canadian nationalism.

Globe and Mail Sept. 17/84

American affection could be problematic just as American enmity would be unwelcome by Canadians. The Citizen noted that the Liberal administrations set new precedents in aggravating U.S. administration but there dangers in too close a relationship.

Vancouver Sun Sept. 24/84

Canadian conservatism, the Sun said, was different from that of Reagan's Washington or Margaret Thatcher's London. Instead "it follows the Canadian tradition of pragmatic compromise, the workable middle way, ideology discarded..." Mulroney's policy of establishing closer relations with the U.S. was established in principle, but the Sun said the details would not be easy to negotiate since many disputes on the border had yet to be settled.

La Presse Sept. 25/84

(column by Mario Fontaine)

Stage-by-stage account of meeting between the U.S. President and Prime Minister Mulroney. La Presse drew conclusion that the atmosphere was good between the two leaders -- and this prevailed in all areas of bilateral relations.

Montreal Gazette Sept. 26/84

The Gazette suggested Mr. Mulroney seemed to be trying to move Canada closer to the United States on bilateral issues while maintaining a