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65	Macleod Dixon LLP Mr. Al Gourley Partner Toronto ON	06 Feb. 2001	Law firm	For	<i>(Brain drain, fiscal policies, regional strategy)</i> - Free trade enhances more efficient resource allocation and enables us to take advantage of our higher value added products. Though we should be concerned about our ability to produce higher value added products that depend on highly educated people. Focus on US today - Central America in the long term. - Need free trade strategy to stop the brain drain by reviewing income tax and consumption tax policies.
66	Malting Industry Association of Canada Mr. Philip de Kemp President Ottawa ON	12 Feb. 2001	Association/ Malting Industry	For	<i>(General, tariffs)</i> - Some members sell Canadian malt to several Central American countries (incl. Guatemala and El Salvador), worth over \$6 million. - Members support freer trade with the elimination of import tariffs/taxes.
67	Manimpex International Inc. Mr. Patrick Wishart President Winnipeg MB	24 Jan. 2001	Agri-food	For	<i>(General, investment, social concerns)</i> - Should try to allow trade to grow gradually, where our exports should be kept in relative balance to keep political peace. - Keep the courts out of legitimate business. - Should be a probationary period to assess the impacts of the FTA on the population and ensure that benefits are distributed evenly to prevent or minimise socio-political problems.
68	Martell Exporting Ltd. Mr. Jack Martell North York ON	19 Jan. 2001	Exporters	For	<i>(General, duty rates)</i> - Particular interest in Central America, South America, Caribbean. - Duty rates should be lowered.
69	Ms. Martha Kostuch	28 Jan. 2001	Canadian citizen	N/A	<i>(Environmental assessment)</i> - Requests a full environmental impact assessment with meaningful public participation. - An FTA should include full protection of all existing and future environmental enforcement provisions.