

on what would be the most productive timing.

The Vice President, of course, has spoken to the other Summiteers, and sought from them what they felt would be most useful: to have a Summit prior to the Ministerial Meeting of CIEC; after the Ministerial meeting. And, in that event, would it be likely that there would be still another Ministerial Meeting, prior to the Summit. ?

The Prime Minister was able to respond, speaking-- to a degree--from his knowledge of what the G-19 had expressed. Mr. MacEachen as you may know, met with Mr. Guerero just a few days ago on this very topic. In that sense, he was asking for assistance: He was asking for advice on our views.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: What did he advise?

MR. HEAD: As to what way it should go?

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Yes.

MR. HEAD: I think the advice--basically--is that, if the United States policy is sufficiently firmly set with respect to the Third World Countries, and what its response will be at CIEC, then there is no reason to delay the CIEC meeting until after the Summit; and no reason to encourage--rather--the delay of the CIEC meeting until after the Summit; but that much depended on whether the United States--in the early days of its Administration--was able to mount the policy and take the decisions necessary in order