

to the production of radio, television and print materials for dissemination in the U.S. In early 1984, for example, production and distribution in the U.S. of television coverage of the Canada-European Ministerial Conference on Acid Rain was facilitated through such a contract. Several of the Embassy's public affairs contracts have been arranged for the provision of advice and expertise on our overall public affairs strategy in the United States in support of developing a higher profile for Canada.

While most of the consultants have been asked to deal with specific issues, there have been three hired on a general retainer basis: the firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld and Interface International, by the previous Government and the firm of Michael K. Deaver and Associates by the present Government. The first two firms provided useful information and advice with respect to key issues such as steel import quotas legislation, American steel industry trade law actions, natural resources subsidy legislation, "Buy America" restrictions on cement and mass transit equipment, the sale of light armoured vehicles and others.

The terms of reference of Mr. Deaver's contract are contained in the contract which I tabled at my last appearance here. I have provided supplementary information about the Deaver Contract in my letter to Mr. Winegard of May 21. I should make clear that we never asked Deaver to lobby on our behalf. The contacts he listed with the U.S. Justice Department between his firm (he did not undertake them personally) and the office of the United States Trade Representative were not undertaken at our request. The Ambassador has relied on Mr. Deaver to provide advice about the presentational aspects of many issues. He advised on a process to seek bids for a major public relations contract for the Embassy, he provided advice on the public relations aspects of the trade initiative and protectionist pressures. He was not our man to lobby on acid rain.

It is true that Mr. Deaver did participate in an October 25, 1985 meeting between the two Special Envoys and Ambassador Gottlieb and Dr. Doucet in New York. That meeting was related mainly to the timing of the Envoys submission and the public relations aspects if the report was issued prematurely. Mr. Lewis was intending on taking up a new appointment and was anxious to finish his work as Special Envoy. Messrs. Lewis and Davis had many other meetings where Mr. Deaver was not present. Mr. Deaver reported his presence at the October 25 meeting to the Department of Justice, since neither he nor our officials believed there was anything improper with his presence. I