

Could you put us in the picture a little bit more about the context in which it was discussed?

MR. HEAD: The context in which the Pipeline question was discussed: In the context of the awareness -- and the need to be aware -- on both sides of the Border, that there are certain regulatory processes entrained on each side.

In Canada we have two of these: One before the National Energy Board which is required to examine -- they are examining the two competing competing routes, basically; and the Royal Commission, under the Chairmanship of a Supreme Court Judge, that is examining the question of environmental impact and social conditions, as they would be affected by the Pipeline.

It is important for President Carter -- as it is for Prime Minister Trudeau -- to realize the inhibiting factors, largely in terms of time constraints that are coming to bear here, and to insure that neither misunderstands that certain decisions cannot be taken before these reports are in. Nor, indeed, can they be pre-judged.

The Prime Minister is not, by law allowed to pre-judge or indicate what his attitude will be. He did stress, however, that the attitude of Canadians towards the United States--and to this neighborhood-- is to do what we can do to insure that the neighborhood is properly maintained; that it is your gas; it is your market , in some measures