

Mr. Clark responded:

...I presume what [she] is asking is whether or not, as a result of the discussions,...other countries would not be able to pass through our sovereign waters without our permission or agreement. That is the purpose of the negotiations.²⁶

Liberal leader John Turner asked the Prime Minister about his Summit meeting with President Reagan:

Why did the Prime Minister not receive an unconditional commitment from the President...recognizing in clear terms Canada's sovereignty over our Arctic,...complete sovereignty, unequivocal and unchallenged?²⁷

The Prime Minister replied:

I indicated prior to the presidential visit that we were not looking for anything other than steady, serious progress in all these matters. I think we have made some progress.²⁸

Liberal member Don Johnston pursued the question and Mr. Clark replied:

We are trying to work out an arrangement which will,...involve a mutual respect for sovereignty but will also take account of other interests. If that fails, we will be prepared, if challenged, to go to the International Court of Justice.²⁹

NDP member Pauline Jewett also raised the question of a deal between Canada

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Commons Debates, 7 Apr. 1987, p. 4926.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Ibid., p. 4927.