

QUEBEC SUMMIT – JOINT STATEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

During their tête-à-tête, the President and the Prime Minister discussed environmental matters at some length. They took note of the 75-year history of environmental co-operation between the two countries as exemplified by the Boundary Waters Treaty, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the recent Skagit River-Ross Dam Treaty. The President and the Prime Minister expressed their determination to continue to deal with U.S.-Canadian environmental issues in a responsible and co-operative spirit.

In the spirit of co-operation, and in recognition that the actions of one country are of concern to the other, there was agreement that a high level Special Envoy would be appointed by each government to examine the acid rain issue and report to the President and Prime Minister by their next meeting. The Envoys will:

- (a) pursue consultation on laws and regulations that bear on pollutants thought to be linked to acid rain;
- (b) enhance co-operation in research efforts, including that for clean fuel technology and smelter controls;
- (c) pursue means to increase exchange of relevant scientific information, and
- (d) identify efforts to improve the U.S. and Canadian environment.

The President announced that the U.S. Special Envoy will be Andrew L. Lewis, former Secretary of Transportation.

The Prime Minister announced that his Special Envoy will be William G. Davis, former Premier of Ontario.

PRESS RELEASE, ACID RAIN REPORT, JANUARY 8, 1986

The Honourable William G. Davis, P.C., Q.C., Canadian Special Envoy on Acid Rain, today submitted to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney the Joint Report of the Special Envoys on Acid Rain.

On March 18, 1985, Mr. Davis and Mr. Drew Lewis were appointed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and President Ronald Reagan to serve as their personal representatives to review and make recommendations on the bilateral acid rain issue.

Highlights of the joint report include a number of important statements and recommendations:

- Acid rain is a serious environmental problem in both the United States and Canada.
- Acid rain is a serious transboundary problem.
- There is a solid link between acid gas emissions and acid rain.
- A recommendation that the United States government implement a five year, five billion dollar control technology commercial demonstration program. These funds are to be supplied jointly by the U.S. Federal government and private industry. A panel, headed by a senior U.S. cabinet official, with Canadian representation, is to be established to oversee this demonstration program.
- A recommendation that both governments establish a bilateral advisory and consultative group on transboundary air pollution. This group would provide the forum for discussions and first level consultations on issues related to transboundary pollution.