

report by the committee resulting from this...the circulation of this Green Paper that suggests changes in decisions that we might take between now and the submission of the report. It would be very difficult for a government to ignore that kind of unanimity. So we think that this process allows us both to act and to consider foreign policy. There is nothing new about governments making decisions, what is new is that this process permits for the first time in Canadian history the broad public participation of individual Canadians in the process.

MODERATOR: John Burke.

Q: ... (inaudible) ... a bit the same question, how do you reconcile, for instance, a decision coming back or a recommendation on cruise missile... or pardon me, not cruise missile, but participation of Star Wars research from your experts when in the meantime there's a public discussion going on through this Green Paper about defence and such roles? Would you have to then retroactively say, okay, we're not going to participate if that were the verdict of the committee?

CLARK: Well, let me take that in two ways. If there were no public process of discussion, there would be a decision by the government in any event with regard to the invitation from the Americans to participate in the Strategic Defence Initiative Study. So what is new is not the decision but the fact that Canadians will be allowed, encouraged, given a vehicle to take an active and decisive role in discussion of Canadian foreign policy. The