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(by Tom Axworthy - special, former principal secretary to then Prime Minister Trudeau)

The meeting between Mulroney and Reagan may signal a radical departure in Canadian-American relations. " Mulroney seems intent on reversing the national consensus that had formed in favor of a series of measures designed to increase Canadian independence. Axworthy reviewed a series of steps by Diefenbaker and Trudeau administrations to strengthen Canadian independence and cautioned against any return to earlier attitudes vis-à-vis the U.S. He said there would be early tests of the Mulroney administration in FIRA (Investment Canada) decisions in the oil industry, on interest rates and on arms control.

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(by Richard Gwyn)

Gwyn counselled further study by the Canadian government on what it wanted out of a closer relationship with the U.S. Prime Minister Mulroney had to face up to the reality that to get, he was going to have to give. The prime minister and Canadians in general needed to figure out soon what practical benefits and consequent costs Canada wanted to get and give in the " new era."

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(by Alain Dubuc from New York)

The Mulroney government had already begun to demonstrate through its actions that it wanted a closer relationship with the U.S. - actions, not just words.

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(by Jeffrey Simpson)

Simpson contrasted the U.S. speeches of Prime Minister Mulroney and former Liberal cabinet minister Jean Chretien on relationships with the U.S. The Prime Minister put the accent on the methods for achieving closer relationship; Chretien warned it was the Canadian government's duty to ensure survival of the country's " economic identity" even at the cost of American criticism.