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March 15, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: NICHOLAS KLISSAS / *Nick* TY COBB *TYC*

SUBJECT: Talking Points for Radio Canada Interview

Attached at Tab I is a French translation of talking points for your interview with Radio Canada on March 18, 1985. The translation was prepared by State.

RECOMMENDATION

That you use the talking points attached at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Translation of talking points

Q: Décrivez la stratégie américano-canadienne pour la défense du continent nord-américain.

- Nous espérons pouvoir un jour être capables, grâce aux technologies nouvelles, de rendre les armes nucléaires inutiles en mettant en oeuvre l'Initiative de défense stratégique du Président Reagan. Ceci nous permettra de nous défendre contre une attaque en faisant appel à des systèmes non nucléaires. Mais, pour le moment, notre première stratégie consiste à continuer de maintenir une dissuasion crédible et moderne.

~~- Si la dissuasion échoue, notre stratégie consistera à défendre notre continent par la détection exacte et opportune, aussi avancée et distante que possible.~~ Les forces armées de nos deux pays jouent pour cela un rôle essentiel par l'intermédiaire du commandement de défense aérienne nord-américain ou NORAD.

Q: Quel effet l'immensité du territoire canadien exerce-t-elle sur cette stratégie?

- Contre une attaque venant du nord, les vastes territoires arctiques du Canada assurent un temps de réaction suffisant pour mettre en oeuvre notre stratégie avant que l'attaque ne puisse atteindre les zones ^{peuplées} ~~peuplées~~ du Canada et des Etats-Unis.

Q: Quelle est l'importance stratégique de la vallée du Saint-Laurent?

- La voie maritime du Saint-Laurent, qui la traverse, constitue un lien de transport vital entre les centres industriels de nos deux pays et l'Océan atlantique.

Q: Comment M. McFarlane évaluerait-il la valeur des contributions financières du Canada à la défense du continent?

- L'accent récemment mis par le Canada sur l'amélioration de son effort de défense est, bien entendu, accueilli comme une reconnaissance de la nécessité d'une dissuasion crédible.

- D'autre part, nous notons que le Canada se trouve au bas de la liste en termes de pourcentage du PIB (produit intérieur brut) consacré à la défense et de pourcentage de la main-d'oeuvre affectée aux forces armées. Le montant des ressources que l'on consacre à sa défense n'est pas déterminé par ce qui est confortable, mais par ce qui est requis pour décourager la menace. Nous espérons voir continuer les mesures prises récemment par le Canada pour corriger cette situation.

Q: Quelle possibilité de développement de conflits plus importants, engageant probablement les superpuissances,

M. McFarlane voit-il dans la situation actuelle au
Proche-Orient et en Amérique centrale?

- Les Etats-Unis sont eux aussi préoccupés par la possibilité constante de violence et de désordres au Proche-Orient. Nous avons eu récemment des entretiens sur le Proche-Orient avec l'Union soviétique à ~~Genève~~^{Vienne} dans le but de réduire la possibilité d'une erreur de calcul et le risque d'un conflit entre superpuissances. Cependant, nous pensons que la meilleure façon de parvenir à la paix est d'encourager les négociations directes entre Israël et ses voisins..

- En Amérique centrale, l'Union soviétique ~~œuvre~~^{travaille} étroitement avec Cuba et le Nicaragua pour appuyer les groupes qui cherchent à s'emparer du pouvoir par la force. En détournant l'attention des Etats-Unis avec des difficultés se produisant près de leurs frontières, Moscou cherche à affaiblir la position de défense globale de l'~~Amérique~~^{OTAN}. Pour faire face à cette stratégie soviétique, nous devons aider fermement les pays démocratiques de l'Amérique centrale à se défendre et appuyer les forces démocratiques dont le seul but est d'apporter la liberté au Nicaragua.

Q: A quoi M. McFarlane attribue-t-il la recrudescence apparente du terrorisme dans le monde entier et comment peut-on l'arrêter?

- La menace du terrorisme nous affecte tous, comme nous l'a malheureusement montré l'attaque de la semaine dernière contre l'ambassade turque à Ottawa, au cours de laquelle l'ambassadeur a été blessé et un garde tué.

- Pour combattre efficacement les terroristes, nous devons être plus forts, plus déterminés et unis dans un effort coopératif international à long terme pour que cessent les attaques brutales contre des innocents.

prolifération
Q: Comment M. McFarlane évalue-t-il le danger que pose pour le monde la possibilité de voir des armes nucléaires tomber dans les mains de puissances plus petites et instables?

- De même que les autres signataires du Traité sur la non-prolifération des armes nucléaires, les Etats-Unis sont convaincus que le monde s'en trouverait plus mal si davantage de pays avaient des armes nucléaires. On imagine sans peine les désastres qui auraient pu se produire si les pays actuellement en guerre avaient eu des armes nucléaires.

- Nous nous sommes employés à arrêter la prolifération des armes nucléaires de deux façons:

 en coordination avec les autres fournisseurs
Premièrement, en établissant/un système qui nous donne l'assurance que les matières nucléaires sont fournies et utilisées à des fins pacifiques et

deuxièmement, en aidant les pays qui se heurtent à de véritables problèmes de sécurité à résoudre ces problèmes sans avoir ~~recours~~ ^{recours} aux armes nucléaires. Nous croyons que ce faisant nous pouvons faire face aux raisons fondamentales du désir que certains pays expriment de posséder des armes nucléaires.

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Q: Describe the American-Canadian strategy for the defense of the North American Continent.

- We hope that some day we may be able, through new technologies, to render nuclear weapons useless by developing President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. This will enable us to defend against an attack using non-nuclear systems. But for the present, our first strategy is to continue to maintain a credible and modern deterrent.
- If deterrence fails, our strategy is to defend our continent through accurate and timely detection, as early and distant as possible. Both our Armed Forces play an essential role in this through the joint Canada-U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD.

Q: What effect does Canada's immense size have on this strategy?

- Against an attack from the north, Canada's vast Arctic lands provide reaction time to implement our strategy before an attack can reach Canadian and U.S. populated areas.

Q: What is the strategic importance of the St. Lawrence River Valley?

- The St. Lawrence Seaway, which passes through it, is a vital shipping link between the industrial heartlands of both our countries and the Atlantic.

Q: How would Mr. McFarlane evaluate the size of Canada's financial contributions to continental defense?

- The recent Canadian emphasis on improving its defense effort is, of course, welcome as a recognition of the need for a credible deterrent.
- At the same time we do note that Canada is far down the list in terms of percentage of GDP [Gross Domestic Product] spent on defense and in percentage of manpower devoted to the armed forces. The amount of resources one commits to ones defense is not determined by what is comfortable, but by what is required to deter the threat. We hope that the recent trend in Canada to correct this situation continues.

Q: What potential for the development of broader conflicts, possibly involving the superpowers, does Mr. McFarlane see in the present situations in the Middle East and in Central America?

-- The United States shares concern regarding the ever-present potential for violence and trouble in the Middle East. We recently held talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva on the Middle East with the aim of reducing the possibility of miscalculation and the risk of a superpower conflict. However, we feel the best way to bring peace is to encourage direct negotiations between Israel and its neighbors.

-- In Central America, the Soviet Union is working closely with Cuba and Nicaragua to support groups seeking to seize power by force. By distracting the United States with problems close to our borders, Moscow seeks to weaken America's global defense posture. To deal with this Soviet strategy we must demonstrate that we will stand firm in helping the democratic countries of Central America defend themselves, and support democratic forces whose only aim is to bring freedom to Nicaragua.

Q: To what does Mr. McFarlane attribute the seeming resurgence of terrorism around the world and how can it be stopped?

-- The threat of terrorism affects us all, as we unfortunately saw by last week's terrorist attack against the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa in which the the Ambassador was injured and a guard killed.

-- To combat terrorists effectively, we must be stronger, more determined, and united in a long-term international cooperative effort so that vicious attacks against innocent people cease.

Q: How does Mr. McFarlane evaluate the danger to the world posed by the possibility of nuclear arms falling into the hands of smaller unstable powers?

-- The United States, along with other signers of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, feels strongly that the world would be worse off if nuclear weapons were held by even more countries. It is too easy to imagine the disasters which may have arisen if countries currently at war had possessed nuclear weapons.

-- We have worked to halt the spread of nuclear weapons in two ways:

first, by establishing a system ^{in coordination with other suppliers} in which we have confidence that nuclear materials are being supplied and used by countries for peaceful purposes, and

second, by helping countries with genuine security problems to solve these problems without recourse to nuclear weapons. We believe that by doing so, we can address the basic motives that lie behind the desire of some countries to acquire nuclear weapons.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT
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Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

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Special Assistant to the
Attorney General
Department of Justice

DENNIS WHITFIELD
Executive Director to the
U.S. Trade Representative

FITZHUGH GREEN
Associate Administrator
of International Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency

SUBJECT: Official Delegation and Meeting Participants
for the President's Trip to Canada
March 17-18, 1985

Attached is a list of the Official Delegation for the President's trip to Canada. Also attached is a list of meeting participants.

The White House Advance Office will distribute information to those accompanying the President regarding their transportation and accommodations.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachments

Tab A Official Delegation
Tab B Meeting Participants

THE WHITE HOUSE

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QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

March 17-18, 1985

1. THE PRESIDENT
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4. Ambassador Paul Heron Robinson, Jr.
5. Mrs. Paul Heron Robinson, Jr.
6. Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger
7. Attorney General Edwin Meese
8. Donald T. Regan
9. Ambassador William E. Brock
10. Michael K. Deaver
11. Robert C. McFarlane
12. Larry Speakes
13. Assistant Secretary Richard R. Burt
14. Lee M. Thomas
15. Tyrus W. Cobb

03/08/85 1:00 p.m.

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS

QUEBEC CITY, CANADA
March 17-18, 1985

PRIVATE MEETING, MARCH 17, 1985 - 4:00 p.m.

U.S.

1. THE PRESIDENT
2. Tyrus W. Cobb (Notetaker)

Canada

1. Prime Minister Mulroney
2. Notetaker

BILATERAL MEETING, MARCH 18, 1985 - 9:30 a.m.

U.S.

1. THE PRESIDENT
2. Secretary George P. Shultz
3. Ambassador Paul Heron Robinson, Jr.
4. Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger
5. Donald T. Regan
6. Robert C. McFarlane
7. Assistant Secretary Richard R. Burt
8. Tyrus W. Cobb (Notetaker)

NOTE: If we must keep the number of attendees at 7, Assistant Secretary Richard Burt would be dropped.

Canada

1. Prime Minister Mulroney
2. Foreign Minister Clark
3. Defense Minister Nielson
4. Ambassador Gotlieb
5. J. A. Doucet
6. G. Osbaldeston
7. Notetaker

03/08/85 1:00 p.m.

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PLENARY SESSION, MARCH 18, 1985 - 10:00 A.M.

U.S.

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| 1. THE PRESIDENT | 13. Allen Wallis |
| 2. Secretary George Shultz | 14. Fred Ikle |
| 3. Ambassador Paul Heron Robinson, Jr. | 15. James Medas |
| 4. Secretary Caspar Weinberger | 16. Ronald Lauder |
| 5. Attorney General Edwin Meese | 17. William F. Martin |
| 6. Mr. Donald T. Regan | |
| 7. Ambassador William E. Brock | |
| 8. Mr. Michael K. Deaver | |
| 9. Mr. Robert C. McFarlane | |
| 10. Assistant Secretary Richard Burt | |
| 11. Administrator Lee Thomas | |
| 12. Mr. Tyrus W. Cobb (Notetaker) | |

Canada

1. Prime Minister Mulroney
2. Foreign Minister Clark
3. Defense Minister Nielson
4. Trade Minister Kelleher
5. Environmental Minister Blais-Grenier
6. Finance Minister Wilson
7. Ambassador Gottlieb
8. J.A. Doucet
9. G. Osbaldeston
10. D.H. Burney
11. Notetaker

3/8/85 4:30 pm

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 12, 1985

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN ^{WFM}

SUBJECT: Official Delegation and Meeting Participants
for the President's Trip to Canada
March 17-18, 1985

Attached at Tab I is a multiple addressee memorandum forwarding lists of the official delegation and meeting participants for the ~~President's~~ trip to Canada.

Ty Cobb concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

- Tab I Multiple Addressee Memo
- Tab A Official Delegation
- Tab B Meeting Participants

March 17, 1985

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THE REAGAN-MULRONEY SUMMIT

Annex:

Next a VOA Editorial, reflecting the views of the U.S. Government.

Voice:

Good neighbors should not be taken for granted -- they should be visited frequently and consulted often. With this injunction in mind, President Ronald Reagan today will again visit America's northern neighbor -- Canada.

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will receive the President in the city of Quebec. This meeting is the second between the two leaders during the past six months and serves to re-emphasize the excellent state of Canadian-American relations which have historically been marked by an almost total absence of discord.

The U.S. and Canada have the longest undefended land border in the world. It is over eight-thousand four-hundred kilometers long. While U.S. defense forces number over two million men, Canada's total only eighty-two thousand -- a disparity which has never appeared to worry the twenty-five million Canadians. Last year, one-hundred and twenty billion dollars worth of goods flowed across the U.S.-Canadian border -- by far the largest exchange between any two nations.

Not that our northern neighbors always agree with us or are shy about expressing their views. Canadians have at times resisted the growth of American investment in Canada -- viewed by some as a threat to local industry. They have not always agreed with U.S. foreign

policies, particularly in Latin America and the developing world. A major current issue between the two nations is how to resolve the problem of damage to the environment by "acid rain", a form of industrial pollution which affects both Canada and the North-Eastern U.S. But the differences are always worked out in civilized fashion across the bargaining table. Perhaps this is because we share a long tradition of political compromise, which is at the heart of the democratic system.

President Reagan's trip is designed to continue this cooperative relationship. In addition to sealing an agreement to work together more closely in combatting crime, President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney are expected to discuss prospects for starting a new round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in 1986. They will also confirm an accord to modernize the joint air defense system, for which the Canadians will pay forty percent of the cost. The government of Prime Minister Mulroney has been particularly supportive of American defense concerns. Mister Mulroney, for instance, favors U.S. research on a space defense system, known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. And he has announced the strengthening of Canada's military contingent in NATO.

On the eve of his trip, President Reagan summed up American feeling about Canada: "No other country in the world is more important to the United States than Canada," he said. "Canada is a friend, a neighbor and a trusted ally."

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That was a VOA Editorial, reflecting the views of the U.S. Government.

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Canada

CONTINGENCY TOAST
DINNER, QUEBEC CITY, MARCH 17, 1985

I am delighted to be able to meet with Prime Minister Mulroney in his home province. I understand that he and his party had a measure of electoral success here on September 4th. When I inquired as to how he had done it, I was told that one of your pundits said of the Prime Minister, "English and French Quebecers think he's one of them; the Irish know for sure." The Irish, ladies and gentlemen, always know for sure.

There is a new spirit in Canada-US relations. We are forging new ways of living in harmony with, yet distinct from one another. But in another sense, what we are witnessing, and are part of, is not new. It is a revival. When I arrived in Quebec, I quoted FDR, a man who knew and loved your country. He was here often. And he valued very much his friendship with Canada's Prime Minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King. In their day, Canada-US relations flourished. Together, they liberalized trade between us, created the Permanent Joint Board of Defense and through the Hyde Park declaration, freed our economic resources to win the war. During a wartime visit to Canada FDR said:

"Mr. King, my old friend, may I through you thank the people of Canada for their hospitality to us all. Your course and mine have run so closely and affectionately during all these many long years that this meeting adds another link to the chain. I have always felt at home in Canada, and you, I think, have always felt at home in the United States."

I have not known Prime Minister Mulroney for long. But I trust he will not be embarrassed if I say it is my hope that our discussions here in Quebec, and indeed the relationship between our two countries, are animated by those same sentiments.

It is a pleasure for me to ask you to ensure that your glasses are charged and to join me in a toast to: La Reine du Canada et son Premier Ministre; the Queen of Canada and her Prime Minister.

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Canada*

Final SDI Language for the Defense Declaration

"We further agreed that we can have no higher goal than the reduction and eventual elimination of the threat to peace, whether by nuclear or conventional means. Our aim is not to achieve superiority, but to enhance deterrence of armed aggression and bring about significant arms reductions between East and West. We seek a more stable world, with greatly reduced levels of nuclear arms. The prospect of an enhanced ability to deter war based on an increasing contribution of non-nuclear defenses against offensive nuclear arms, has prompted the United States research effort embodied in the President's Strategic Defense Initiative. We are agreed that this effort is prudent and is in conformity with the ABM Treaty. In this regard, we agree that steps beyond research would, in view of the treaty, be matters for discussion and negotiation."

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REGAN-CANADA

QUEBEC (AP) -- PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY SAYS HE HOPES HIS SUCCESSFUL "SHAMROCK SUMMIT" WITH PRESIDENT REGAN MEANS CANADA WON'T BE IGNORED ANY MORE IN WASHINGTON.

REGAN FLEW HOME MONDAY AFTER COMPLETING A 24-HOUR VISIT FULL OF TREATY SIGNINGS, SCENIC BACKDROPS AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOWMANSHIP IN QUEBEC CITY, THE HISTORIC CAPITAL OF FRENCH CANADA.

IN HIS MEETINGS WITH MULRONEY, REGAN MADE PROGRESS ON THE STICKY ISSUES OF ACID RAIN AND TRADE BARRIERS, WHILE SIGNING DEALS ON WEST COAST SALMON FISHING, LEGAL COOPERATION AND A NEW RADAR NETWORK IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC.

AFTER SEEING REGAN OFF AT THE QUEBEC CITY AIRPORT -- AND KISSING NANCY REGAN ON BOTH CHEEKS -- MULRONEY SAID HE MADE A DIRECT APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT FOR SUSTAINED ATTENTION.

"I TOLD HIM, I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT OF FISH TO FRY WHEN YOU GET BACK TO WASHINGTON," MULRONEY SAID. "I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE NEVER AGAIN GET LOST IN THE SHUFFLE."

MULRONEY'S PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OUSTED THE LIBERALS SIX MONTHS AGO IN A LANDSLIDE ELECTION VICTORY, LARGELY ON THE PROMISE TO NURTURE CLOSER TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. BUT NOT ALL CRITICS HAVE BEEN STIFLED.

"IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CALLED THE SHAMROCK SHUFFLE," ED BROADBENT, LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SAID OF THE MEETING.

"WE'VE HAD PRESIDENT REGAN, REGRETTABLY I THINK, CALLING THE TUNE."

MULRONEY BRUSHED ASIDE ALL CRITICISM, SAYING REGAN'S VISIT "MARKS A NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES."

EVERY DETAIL OF THE FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS, BOTH OF IRISH DESCENT, WAS REPORTED WIDELY IN CANADA, OFTEN LIVE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND USUALLY FAVORABLY. | ✓

A COMMENTATOR ON THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORP. DESCRIBED THE SUMMIT AS "TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF MUTUAL PRAISE AND ADMIRATION."

IN THREE SPEECHES, REGAN EVEN VENTURED BRIEF COMMENTS IN FRENCH -- THE MAJORITY LANGUAGE IN QUEBEC -- GETTING SMOOTHER WITH PRACTICE AND WINNING APPLAUSE FROM HIS AUDIENCE. |

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C. McFarlane*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1985

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your thoughtful gift that was delivered to my office this morning. The carving will serve to remind me of the friendship of our two countries.

Your leader-ship was pro- foundly impressive in so many ways. God bless

Sincerely,



Robert C. McFarlane

The Right Honorable
Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada
Ottawa



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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- U.S.-CANADA SUMMIT

1. REFLECTIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SHAMROCK SUMMIT CONTINUED TO APPEAR IN THE CANADIAN PRESS MARCH 21.
2. JEFFREY SIMPSON, COLUMNIST FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL (CANADA'S BUSINESS ORIENTED DAILY) IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BILATERAL MEETINGS. IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "BENEFICIAL AGREEMENTS," HE APPLAUDED THE NORTH WARNING AND PACIFIC SALMON AGREEMENTS AND ATTRIBUTED LACK OF PROGRESS ON THE ACID RAIN ISSUE TO INTERNAL U.S. PRESSURES. THE ARTICLE SAID IN PART:
3. "CANADA MAY LOSE SOME OF ITS INDEPENDENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY AS A RESULT, BUT THE SHAMROCK SUMMIT STILL REPRESENTED TANGIBLE, IMPORTANT PROGRESS ON MANY FRONTS.
4. "NATURALLY, THE OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE SCREAMED ABOUT WHAT CANADA FAILED TO 'GET' FROM THE UNITED STATES, NOTABLY ON ACID RAIN, ABOUT WHICH WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TOMORROW. AND CASPAR WEINBERGER DID SAY SOMETHING DUMB ABOUT PERHAPS STATIONING MISSILE LAUNCHERS IN CANADA. BUT ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, THE AGREEMENTS REACHED WERE USEFUL TO CANADA IN AND OF THEMSELVES. IF THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE IMPROVED THE CLIMATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, SO MUCH THE BETTER. THEIR PRINCIPAL UTILITY, HOWEVER, LAY IN WHAT THEY DID FOR CANADA....

5. "INDEED, PART OF THE PROBLEM IN JUDGING CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS TODAY IS SORTING OUT SKEPTICISM OF MR. REAGAN FROM CANADA'S LONG-TERM INTERESTS. FOR THOSE WHO DISLIKE MR. REAGAN'S GENERAL POLICIES, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANY BILATERAL DEAL WITH HIM WILL NOT CONTAMINATE CANADA....

6. "A COOL EXAMINATION OF MR. REAGAN'S BILATERAL DEALINGS WITH CANADA REVEALS SOMEONE WHO HAS FOUGHT AGAINST PROTECTIONISM THAT MIGHT HAVE HURT CANADIAN TRADE AND FOR FISHERIES AGREEMENTS. THE WEAK PART OF HIS BILATERAL RECORD REMAINS ACID RAIN. BUT, WITHOUT EXCUSING HIS LACK OF ACTION ON THE SUBJECT, THERE ARE POWERFUL DOMESTIC PRESSURES AT WORK HERE THAT MAKE MOVEMENT ON ACID RAIN DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, NO MATTER HOW LOUDLY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OR THE OPPOSITION PARTIES SCREAM."

7. OTTAWA'S ONLY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, THE CITIZEN, PUBLISHED A COMMENTARY BY SYNDICATED COLUMNIST CHRISTOPHER YOUNG. UNDER THE HEADLINE, "HARDBALL WILL REPLACE IRISH LAUGHTER," YOUNG PREDICTED A QUICK RETURN OF TENSE BILATERAL RELATIONS AFTER THE EUPHORIA OF THE SUMMIT. THE ARTICLE WHICH ATTRIBUTED CONFLICT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S. TO UNAVOIDABLE HISTORICAL DIFFERENCES SAID IN PART:

8. "FAR FROM THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA, THIS WEEK'S BLARNEY SUMMIT WAS MORE PROBABLY THE BEGINNING OF A RETURN TO NORMAL. THE NORMAL STATE OF CROSS-BORDER RELATIONS IS BASIC BITCHY, OR AT BEST TOUCHY. IT'S NOT BECAUSE MOST CANADIANS WANT TO BE ANTI-AMERICAN, OR AMERICANS ANTI-CANADIAN. IT'S A CONSEQUENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE, COMPLEXITY AND IMBALANCE OF THE CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP....

9. "IN QUEBEC CITY, THE GENIAL OLD PRESIDENT WRAPPED HIS ARMS AROUND YOUNG BRIAN'S SHOULDERS, WHILE THE HARD-BOILED SECRETARY OF DEFENCE HIT HIM IN THE KIDNEYS....

10. "IN OTTAWA, THE OFT-LEARNED LESSON IS THAT SUCKING UP TO THE AMERICANS DOESN'T PAY OFF IN ANYTHING MORE THAN SMILES AND CHUCKLES. THROWING AWAY YOUR BARGAINING CHIPS IN AN EFFORT TO PLEASE WILL GET US NO MORE THAN A PAT ON THE HEAD. IN RETURN FOR SUPPORTING THE ESCALATION OF THE BT

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22. "CANADA IS CLEARLY MOVING IN A NEW DIRECTION IN TERMS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ECONOMY. THE ADVANTAGES ARE KNOWN. HOWEVER, NEW RESTRICTIONS WILL AFFECT SECTORS OPENED UP TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF A CONTINENTAL MARKET BUT NEVERTHELESS SUBJECTED TO THE IMPLACABLE CONSTRAINTS OF AMERICAN COMPETITION. IN NUMEROUS CASES, THE ROAD WILL BE NARROW AND THE RISKS CONSIDERABLE."

23. TWO EDITS IN THE HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD (MARCH 19) FOCUSED ON THE ACID RAIN ASPECT OF THE PRESIDENT REAGAN/PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY TALKS IN QUEBEC CITY. THE FIRST EDIT HEADLINED, "DONNING THE GREEN," OPINED THAT THE CRITICISMS VOICED AGAINST THE TWO LEADERS' DECISIONS TO FIND "COMMON SOLUTIONS" TO ACID RAIN WERE A LITTLE UNFAIR AND RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROBLEM IS COMPLEX AND NOT

24. "...IF ACID RAIN IS THE MOST SENSITIVE ISSUE IN CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, IT IS FOR THE GOOD REASON THAT IT IS FRAUGHT WITH GENUINE DIFFICULTIES. THE SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED ARE COMPLEX AND IMPERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD. RECENT RESEARCH SUGGESTS THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACID BREW ACCUMULATING IN THE AIR, LAKES AND SOIL, WITH DIFFERENT CAUSES, DIFFERENT EFFECTS AND DIFFERENT REMEDIES. THE ECONOMIC COST OF SOME TYPES OF REMEDIAL ACTION IS ENORMOUS, WHILE THE BILL FOR OTHERS IS MORE MANAGEABLE....

25. "DESPITE THE IMPATIENCE OF DEMONSTRATING GREENS, IT IS NOT HERE PETTYFOGGING ON MR. REAGAN'S PART, NOR WEAKNESS OF MR. MULRONEY'S, TO PASS THE ACID RAIN PROBLEM TO SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATS WITH WELL-HONED POLITICAL SKILLS. THE PLAIN FACT IS THAT THERE WILL BE NOT WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN THE U.S. FOR A COSTLY CLEAN-UP, REFLECTED IN HIGHER POWER BILLS, UNLESS AMERICANS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE JOB WILL BE DONE RIGHT. CANADIANS, WHO HAVE TENDED TO CALL LOUDLY FOR U.S. ACTION WHILE BEING LESS CRITICAL ABOUT THE MERITS OF SPECIFIC REMEDIES, NEED TO SHARE THAT CONCERN....

26. "THE MAJOR ISSUE FOR MR. DAVIS AND MR. LEWIS, THEN, SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY A JOINT ANTI-POLLUTION PROGRAM THAT SATISFIED REASONABLE SKEPTICS-PRESIDENT REAGAN AMONG THEM. REDUCING SULPHUR EMISSIONS FROM PWER STATIONS, THE PRINCIPAL CULPRIT IN THE CASE OF ACID LAKES AND DYING TROUT, IS ONE FACTOR, BUT NOT A CURE-ALL. FOR THE FORESTRY THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT NITROGEN OXIDES, FROM

CARS AND FUELS, MAY BE MORE OF A THREAT. CLEANING UP THESE EMISSIONS WOULD BE CHEAPER THAN REDUCING SULPHUR DIOXIDE...."

27. THE SECOND EDIT HEADLINED, "DEMONSTRATIONS HARD TO TAKE SERIOUSLY" OPINED THAT THE MOVEMENT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM ACID RAIN COULD BE IN TROUBLE BECAUSE SOME OF THE QUEBEC DEMONSTRATORS SEEMED MORE DETERMINED TO MAKE A NOISE THAN TO MAKE A POINT AND MAYBE DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD TO THE EFFORT BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO FIND A REASONABLE ACCEPTABLE (TO BOTH SIDES) SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. THE EDIT SAID IN PART:

28. "...WHY IS IT THAT THE DEMONSTRATION IN QUEBEC CITY, BT

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HAVING IN MIND THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER.

30. "WAS THERE NEED FOR INSULTING CHANTS? RUDELY-WORDED
PLACARDS? ALL FOR THE CAUSE OF TURNING THE AFFAIR INTO A
'MEDIA EVENT?'

31. "AND WOULD IT MAKE ONE IOTA OF DIFFERENCE TO THE
LEADERS INSIDE THE HOTEL?..."

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33. FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL TEXT OF THE WINNIPEG FREE
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34. "...THE VISIT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO MR. MULRONEY
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GOOD ABROAD NEVER HURTS A PRESIDENT. MR. MULRONEY HAS
MADE A MAJOR POLITICAL INVESTMENT IN BETTER CROSS-BORDER
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OFFICIALS, LEAPED ON BY LIBERALS AND NEW DEMOCRATS
ANXIOUS TO BOLSTER THEIR CLAIM THAT CANADA IS BEING
SUCKED INTO PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN MR. REAGAN'S STAR WARS
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36. "BOTH LEADERS HAVE SET A POSITIVE TONE FOR
CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS. BUILDING ON THAT IS THE NEXT
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March 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TC*

SUBJECT: Minutes of NSC Meeting on the President's Trip to Quebec -- March 15, 1985 -- 11:00 a.m.

Attached are the minutes from the NSC meeting on the President's trip to Quebec.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the minutes at Tab A.

Approve *PK*

Disapprove _____

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