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DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS: CANADIAN POSITION ON FRENCH AND
BRITISH MISSILES

1. MR TRUDEAU SAID IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS ON 24 OCTOBER:

" THOS WHO LISTENED TO RUMOURS AT WILLIAMSBURG WILL KNOW THAT THE
QUESTION OF COUNTING THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH MISSILES, AT SOME
POINT, IN SOME WAY IN SOME TALKS, IS NOT UNREASONABLE. I HAVE
SAID THAT ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS. THEREFORE, I AM NOT DISMISSING
IT OUT OF HAND. I HAVE NOT DISMISSED IT. IT IS A VERY COMPLEX
NEGOTIATION.

WHEN WE ARE TALKING OF THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, I DO NOT
THINK IT IS RIGHT TO CONTEMPLATE INCLUDING THE BRITISH AND THE
FRENCH SYSTEMS, BECAUSE THEY ARE STRATEGIC SYSTEMS. THEY ARE
NOT THEATRE, OR THEY ARE NOT INTERMEDIATE NUCLEAR FORCES. THEY
ARE CONSIDERED BY THOSE SOVEREIGN NATIONS AS STRATEGIC FORCES
AND, THEREFORE, THE SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO COUNT THEM AT SOME
POINT IN THE START TALKS BUT NOT IN THE INF TALKS.

I CANNOT SPEAK FOR FRANCE AND BRITAIN. I DO NOT WANT, AS A
NATO ALLY, TO STATE ANY POSITION WHICH WOULD NOT BE AGREED TO BY
THEM. I KNOW THAT FOR THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE GERMANS, FOR
INSTANCE, THEY CANNOT COUNT ON THE FRENCH OR THE BRITISH NUCLEAR
ARMS BECAUSE THEY ARE STRATEGIC ARMS USED BY THOSE COUNTRIES
TO PROTECT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. THE GERMANS, WHO HAVE NO NUCLEAR
ARMS UNDER THEIR TOTAL CONTROL, HAVE TO COUNT ON THE AMERICANS".

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