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respecting Business and Financial Dealings
Between Karlheinz Schreiber and
the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney



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EXCERPTS FROM Fred Bild DIARY Jan. 1994

Lundi 10 : « Conversation téléphq. avec Brian Mulroney qui se dit pressé de me revoir, qu'il est en train de trouver sa place dans le monde des affaires et qu'il fera partie du groupe Paul Sr. et André Desmarais et Peter Monk qui se rendront en Chine dans les prochains jours. »

Mardi 12 : « Retéléph. avec BM qui se demande quelles sortes de réunions il y aura avec le MAE et avec Zhang Wenpu. Je lui explique l'actuel statut de celui-ci et promet de m'informer sur rencontres. Contact avec ZWP qui est direct, mais toujours poli. »

... ..
Mercredi 19 : « Power, Barrick, Mulroney arrivent. Tous très excités. Donnent l'impression d'être sur un coup d'envergure. Li Peng les reçoit pro-forma. Zhu Rongji, accueil chaleureux. Il est question de gros montant payés d'avance. Min. des Mines donnera-t-il accès à la gamme de mines qu'ils cherchent? Banquet pour BM au Diao Yutai par Liu Huaqiu. Agréable, sans plus. BM monte dans ma voiture pour rentrer et on parle politique cdme. »

Jeudi 20 : « Le Min. Liu Qi (MMI) délègue son V-Min. au déjeuner pour Power & Barrick, mais tous restent confiants. On remet cadeaux impressionnants; documentation merveilleuse sur mesure. Rentre avec BM qui me confie que dans tout ce qu'il fait à présent c'est l'avenir du Canada qui le tient à cœur.

Samedi 22 : Déjeuner de Han Zhubin, Min du Rail (Gd Hall Pple) pour Power, Bombardier, Barrick, MMI et BM. Il est question d'éventuels investissements, partenariat Bombardier-Power-RPC. Signature de lettre d'intention : Desmarais - Munk -MMI Il reste 90 jours pour entente sur détails, i.e. partage des profits. Fonctionnaires MMI qqe peu hésitants.»

PROGRAMME DE L'AMBASSADEUR FRED BILD ET MME BILD
DU VENDREDI 14 JANVIER AU DIMANCHE 28 JANVIER

Le samedi 22 janvier

09h30 Excursion de patinage au Palais d'été
(CAROL ANN FRASER)

18 HRS 00 ZHANG WEN PU, ZHANG YI SUN & conjoints

Le dimanche 23 janvier

DE'S M. CH'FOR
BANK DATA. A. B
M. A. B. H.

Le mercredi 19 janvier

- 09h00 (Départ à 08h40)
Allocution "Market Economy with Canadian Characteristics" organisée par Professeur CHEN Qineng, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) en compagnie de R. KING, A. HALPER; M. CROOK (interprète)
- Rencontre M. RU Xin, Vice-président exécutif de CASS
- Déjeuner avec les responsables du CASS
CASS MAIN BUILDING, JIANGUOMINNEI - ROOM 210
- 15h30 Rencontre à l'Ambassade Délégations Power Corporation et American Barrick Resources Corporation (CRAIG/WINTER) //
VOIR LISTE/PROGRAMMES CI-JOINTS
- 17h00 (Départ à 16h30)
Rencontre avec Premier ministre Li Peng pour //
accompagner délégation Power Corporation
ZHONG NANHAI
- 18h00 Dîner offert par M. LIU Huaqiu, Vice ministre des //
Affaires étrangères, en l'honneur de l'ex-Premier
ministre canadien, T.H. Brian Mulroney, Délégation
Power Corporation (CRAIG) //
DIAOYUTAI STATE GUEST HOUSE, BATIMENT 10
SALLE DES QUATRE SAISONS
- 19h30 (MME) Film BXS "The Woman Sesame Oil Maker".
AMBASSADE D'ALLEMAGNE.

Le jeudi 20 janvier

- 08h00-09h30 Cours de chinois
- 12h00 Déjeuner offert par M. LIU Qi, Ministre de l'Industrie //
métallurgique en l'honneur de la Délégation Power
Corporation (CRAIG) //
BEIJING GRAND HOTEL - PALACE ROOM

Update: September 30, 1993

AGENDA OF TRIP TO ASIA

October 1 to 11, 1993

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney (TRHBM)

[REDACTED]
(7 business people)
[REDACTED]

C-GPGD Crew:

Pilots :
Stand-by Pilot :
Engineer :
In-Flight Service:

[REDACTED]

Friday
October 1

(5 business people)

15:45 departure
17:45 arrival local time

TRHBM-1
C-GPGD- Montréal (Exeaire) to Vancouver
Flight time: (5 hours -3 hours time difference)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Saturday
October 2

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

on C-GPGD: TRHBM (4 business people)

12:00 departure
14:05 arrival local time

Vancouver to Anchorage (Alaska)(customs & refueling)
(Flight time: 3 hrs 05min. -1hr time difference)

14:35 departure
15:45 arrival local time

Anchorage to Bethel (Alaska) (refueling)
(Flight time: 1hr 10min.- no-time difference)

16:15 departure
16:10 arrival local time
ON OCTOBER 3RD

Bethel to Tokyo (Flight Exeaire #0051)
(Flight time: 6hrs 55 min. + 17hrs time difference)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Monday
October 4

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(6 business people)

16:45 departure
19:55 arrival local time

on C-GPGD: TRHBM-
Tokyo to Beijing
Flight time: (4hrs 10min. -1hr time difference)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tuesday
October 5

- 8:30 TRHBM (8 business people)
Potential breakfast with Ambassador of Canada in Beijing, Mr. Fred Bild
T.B.C. by Canadian Embassy
- 10:00-11:00 TRHBM (8 business people)
Visit of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, PRC
- 11:30-13:30 TRHBM (8 business people)
Meeting and lunch with Mr. Wei MingYi,
Chairman, CITIC
Location: Beijing Hotel
- 13:30-14:10 Rest in Beijing Hotel
- 14:30-15:30 TRHBM (8 business people)
Meeting with Mr. Liu Huaqiu,
Vice Minister, Foreign Affairs of the
People's Republic of China
- 15:45-16:45 TRHBM (7 business people)
Meeting with Minister of Electric Power,
Mr. Shi Dazheng
- 17:00-17:55 Rest in
- 18:15-20:15 TRHBM (8 business people)
Meeting and Banquet hosted by His Excellency, Zhu Ronji,
Vice-Premier, People's Republic of China
Location: The Great Hall of People

HOTEL:

China World Hotel (CONFIRMED)
No. 1 Jian Guo Men Wai Avenue
Da Bei Yao, Beijing 100004
tel: 011-86-1-505-2266
fax: 011-86-1-505-0828/3178
(October 4, 5 & 6)

Wednesday
October 6

- 8:00-9:00 **TRHBM** (8 business people)
Breakfast with Institute of Foreign Affairs of PRC.
Mr. Zhang Wepu, Vice-Chairman
Location: China World Hotel
- 10:00-11:00 **TRHBM** (8 business people)
Visit of the Ministry of Radio, Film & Television
- 11:30-13:30 **TRHBM** (8 business people)
Meeting and lunch hosted by His Excellency, Rong Yiren,
Vice-Chairman of the State, PRC
Location: Capital Mansion, 50th Floor
- 14:00-16:00 Proposed site seeing in Beijing
(Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven)
- 17:00 Potential meeting with TRHBM and His Excellency Fred Bild,
Ambassador of Canada in Beijing
T.B.C. by Canadian Embassy
- 18:00 **TRHBM** (7 business people)
Banquet hosted by [REDACTED] inviting all Chinese
people met during two previous days (including Shanghai
people)
Location: Diaoyutai Guest House

HOTEL:

China World Hotel
No. 1 Jian Guo Men Wai Avenue
Da Bei Yao, Beijing 100004
tel: 011-86-1-505-2266
fax: 011-86-1-505-0828/3178
(October 4, 5 & 6)

Thursday
October 7

(7 business people)

9:00 departure
10:35 arrival local time

on C-GPGD: TRHBM!
Beijing to Shanghai
(Flight time 1hr 35 min. no time difference)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HOTEL

Portman Shangri-La Hotel
1376 Nanjing Xi Lu
Shanghai 200040
tel: 011-86-21-279-8888
fax: 011-86-21-279-8999
(October 7)

[REDACTED]

Friday
October 8

9:00 departure
10:50 arrival local time

on C-GPGD: TRHBM (7 business people)
Shanghai to Hong Kong
(Flight time 1hr 50 min, no time difference)
(Cathay Pacific: 011-852-769-6239)

[REDACTED]

HOTEL:

Grand Hyatt- Hong Kong
1 Harbour Road
Hong Kong
tel: 011-852-588-1234
fax: 011-852-802-0677
(October 8, 9, 10)

[REDACTED]

Saturday
October 9

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

16:00 Departure to Hong Kong

18:30 Arrival in Hong Kong

[REDACTED]

Hotel: Grand Hyatt- Hong Kong (CONFIRMED)
1 Harbour Road
Hong Kong
tel: 011-852-588-1234
fax: 011-852-802-0677
(October 8, 9, 10)

Sunday
October 10

[REDACTED]

21:30

Departure of delegation to airport

[REDACTED]

23:10 departure
5:35am arrival local time
on October 11th

TRHBM (6 business people)
Hong Kong to Paris (Charles de Gaulle)
on Cathay Pacific #261
(flight time: 13hrs 25min)

Guest List
Banquet hosted by [REDACTED]
October 6th, 1993, Beijing

Update: Sept.23/93

CHINESE GROUP

His Excellency, Rong Yiren, Chairman of the State, People's Republic of China
His Excellency, Zhu Rongji, Vice-Premier, People's Republic of China

Mr. Liu Huaqiu, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC

Mr. Wei Mingyi, Chairman, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Yang Guanqi, Vice-Chairman, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Yao Jinrong, President, China International Economic Consultants Inc.
Mr. Lu Zongbao, Secretary to the Chairman, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Cao Xiao Qun, Assistant to Vice-Chairman, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Liu Yuong, Public Relations Department, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Wen Xuejun, Public Relations Department, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Huang Xiang, Public Relations Department, CITIC Beijing
Mr. Zhu Youda, Public Relations Department, CITIC Beijing

Mr. Gao Kong Liang, President, CITIC Shanghai
Mr. Meng Zhen Guan, Deputy Manager, Business Department, CITIC Shanghai

Mrs. Zheng Shujun, Lawyer, C&C Law Firm, Beijing

Mr. Wu Cheng Lin, Vice-Chairman, Shanghai Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park Development Co.
Mr. Zhou Shu Zhuang, Deputy Manager, Project Management Dept., " " " "
Mr. Lin Yuan, Engineer, Enterprise Management Dept., " " " " " "
Mrs. Wu Ping, Project Management Dept., " " " " " "

Mr. Shi Dazhen, Minister, Ministry of Electric Power, PRC
Mr. Tan Aixing, Director, Dept. of International Cooperation, Ministry of Electric Power, PRC
Mrs. Ran Ying, Director General, Department of Planning, Ministry of Electric Power, PRC
?, Minister, Ministry of Radio, Film & Television, PRC

Mr. Liu Shuqing, Chairman, Institute of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Zhang Wenpu, Vice-Chairman, Institute of Foreign Affairs

SUB-TOTAL: 25

CANADIAN GROUP

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney
His Excellency Fred Bild, Ambassador of Canada



(Business people / Provincial officials)



SUB-TOTAL: 16

GRAND-TOTAL: 41

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The Globe and Mail (Canada)

February 11, 2008 Monday

Mulroney 'never worked for Thyssen'; Firm says it's unaware of ex-PM's lobbying

BYLINE: GREG McARTHUR AND ISABELLA KEMPF**SECTION:** NATIONAL NEWS; THE MULRONEY- SCHREIBER SAGA; Pg. A1**LENGTH:** 2158 words**DATELINE:** TORONTO and BERLIN

The German arms manufacturer said to have paid Brian **Mulroney** hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash for international representation insists it has no knowledge of the former prime minister doing any work on its behalf.

In interviews with The Globe and Mail and CBC, a former Thyssen executive and a spokeswoman for the company, which changed names after a merger in 1999, said they are not aware of the lobbying that the former prime minister says he did for Thyssen in China, Russia and France between 1993 and 1994.

"He never worked for Thyssen," Winfried Haastert, a former Thyssen executive, said in a phone interview.

"Maybe Mr. **Mulroney** had also tried to get interest in China or Russia but not on our intention, not on our charge and we never had known about it."

Mr. Haastert said that as far as he knew, Mr. **Mulroney's** only connection to Thyssen was when Mr. **Mulroney** was still prime minister and the firm urged him to support its proposed light-armoured vehicle factory in Cape Breton.

But when the project was killed by Mr. **Mulroney's** government because it was too expensive, Mr. Haastert - who was embroiled in a similar scandal in Germany in the 1990s over the distribution of lobbyist **Karlheinz Schreiber's** secret commissions - said he considered Mr. **Mulroney's** involvement over.

"I cannot imagine how he could expect to sell something like this to Russia or even to China. It's absolute nonsense. Maybe he tried to support us. I don't know."

Anja Gerber, a spokeswoman for ThyssenKrupp Technologies, also said that Mr. **Mulroney** had "no official business with Thyssen."

All of Mr. **Mulroney's** dealings were through Mr. Schreiber.

The denials from Germany raise new questions about the former prime minister's testimony of two months ago, when he was called to the House of Commons ethics committee to explain the cash he accepted from Mr. Schreiber in hotel rooms between 1993 and 1994.

After years of answering questions about the cash payments through spokesmen, the former prime minister explained that Mr. Schreiber gave him an international mandate to promote military vehicles made by Thyssen, the German company that employed Mr. Schreiber as its representative in Canada.

Mr. **Mulroney** told the committee he promoted the military vehicles to French, Russian and Chinese leaders, both for their national needs and for use in United Nations peacekeeping operations. Mr. **Mulroney** later provided to the committee the dates in 1993 and 1994 of the business trips that he made to those countries.

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The former prime minister has only directly identified two people with whom he spoke about buying the vehicles - former Russian president Boris Yeltsin and former French president François Mitterrand. Both men are dead.

The public relations firm that is representing Mr. **Mulroney** did not respond to repeated requests for interviews for this story, but numerous experts on the arms trade, as well as a **Mulroney**-appointed ambassador, have expressed skepticism about the former prime minister's testimony.

None of the experts interviewed said they have evidence to contradict Mr. **Mulroney's** testimony. However, they described the work he says he did as implausible and in violation of trade sanctions Mr. **Mulroney** imposed while he was prime minister.

"To me, it just doesn't stand up," said Christopher Foss, an expert on military vehicles who tracks international sales for the British publication, Jane's Defence Weekly.

Mr. **Mulroney** would have encountered significant barriers if he attempted to sell military vehicles to China, Russia or France, the experts said. What follows is a summary of the difficulties the former prime minister would have faced in each country.

China Mr. **Mulroney** told the Commons ethics committee that he lobbied for Thyssen while he was in China in October, 1993.

Fred Bild, Canada's ambassador to China at the time, recalled meeting Mr. **Mulroney** during that particular trip, but said there was no mention of Thyssen light-armoured vehicles. Mr. **Mulroney**, just a few months out of office, made the trip along with prominent Canadian businessmen Paul Desmarais Sr., André Desmarais, as well as the chairman of Ontario Hydro at the time, Maurice Strong. The men were in China to announce a new joint Canadian venture called the Asia Power Group.

Mr. Bild, who was appointed by Mr. **Mulroney's** government, said he couldn't say for sure that Mr. **Mulroney** never approached Chinese officials about the military vehicles, but said he was "doubtful" that such lobbying took place.

"I would have got wind of it," Mr. Bild said, explaining that a former Canadian leader would know to consult with the embassy and the department of Foreign Affairs about a potential export as sensitive as a military vehicle.

"There is no record, any record of any kind of his having come to discuss it with the embassy. And if it was for peacekeeping, then all the more reason he should have discussed it with us, because we would have developed approaches for him. We would have had meetings, we would have arranged meetings for him with those parts of the government which deal with China's contributions to the UN efforts," he said.

"I can think of no reasons why he wouldn't come and see us; indeed, why he wouldn't even come and see us first. Because, you know, those are highly political subjects. You don't go and peddle that through some corner store agent."

Moreover, at the time of the business trip, Canada was still enforcing arms-trade sanctions against China that were introduced after the 1989 massacre of pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square - sanctions that were imposed by Mr. **Mulroney**.

In Mr. **Mulroney's** *Memoirs*, which were released in the fall, he wrote about how he was "shocked" and "sickened" by the images of tanks shooting young Chinese students and how he took those concerns to the 1989 G7 Summit.

"Working closely together, François Mitterrand and I were able to overcome the reluctance of Japan and the United States, and impose real sanctions against China," Mr. **Mulroney** wrote. "These included the suspension of arms trade and World Bank loans to China...."

Mr. **Mulroney's** trip was about four years after the massacre. As far as Mr. Bild was concerned, the arms sanctions were still in place, the former ambassador said.

"As a recently retired prime minister who has imposed sanctions on China, I can't see myself ... going to China, making representations to break those very sanctions which are still in effect. I can't see that," Mr. Bild said.

Mr. Strong, who is currently in China, did not respond to an e-mail inquiry about Mr. **Mulroney's** alleged lobbying efforts in China. Paul and André Desmarais issued a "no comment" through a spokesman for Power Corporation of Canada, where both men are executives.

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Russia Mr. **Mulroney** also testified before the committee that he lobbied former Russian president Boris Yeltsin to buy Thyssen vehicles - and by his account he didn't get very far.

During a visit to Russia in August, 1994, Mr. **Mulroney** asked Mr. Yeltsin about his interest in the military vehicles.

According to Mr. **Mulroney**, Mr. Yeltsin said he'd love to buy some but couldn't because his country was "broke."

However, defence experts said it is odd that a former Canadian leader would think to pose such a question to Mr. Yeltsin.

It was only a few years after the Cold War and Russia was trying to find commercial uses for its massive military infrastructure, thus ridding itself of armaments, not adding more, experts said.

"As for selling vehicles to the Russians - forget it," said Mr. Foss, the Jane's military researcher. "There's no way that Germany or Canada would have exported vehicles to Russia because (a) their home governments wouldn't allow it and (b) there's no requirement."

Jeremy Kinsman, who was Canada's ambassador to Russia in 1994, said he didn't know anything about Mr. **Mulroney's** efforts to sell the military vehicles and that he was out of the country at the time of Mr. **Mulroney's** alleged pitch to Mr. Yeltsin. The former ambassador acknowledged, though, that at the time Russia had no demand and too much supply when it came to armoured vehicles.

"They weren't in the market for anything in military terms in those years. Their military was really actually selling off and downsizing," said Mr. Kinsman, who was also appointed to Moscow by Mr. **Mulroney's** government.

Project Ploughshares, a Canadian anti-arms proliferation organization based in Waterloo, Ont., compiles data from the Department of Foreign Affairs on approved exports that are for military use. During the 1990s and into 2000, Canada approved only about \$100,000 worth of exports for military use to Russia - and almost all of it, save for \$1,000 worth of firearms, was classified as protective equipment, the organization's records show.

"I think stuff that's sort of relatively neutral like that they were willing to transfer, but other equipment - particularly armoured vehicles - would be highly unlikely," said Ken Epps, a senior official with Project Ploughshares.

France

Mr. **Mulroney** has also told the committee that he made two trips to France - in October, 1993, and September, 1994 - to promote the Thyssen vehicles. Again, defence experts questioned why a former Canadian prime minister would think that France - one of the world's leading exporters of armoured vehicles and arms - would be a candidate to buy military vehicles from Germany.

"You must be joking," said Mr. Foss, when asked if France would be in the market for Thyssen products at that time.

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, based in Sweden, maintains a database of international arms transfers.

France made a major import of armoured vehicles in 2000 - the last purchase before that was in the 1950s - according to the institute's records, which are based on open source government documents, trade publications and newspaper clippings.

The vehicles bought in 2000 - made by Sweden's Hägglunds Vehicle - are ideal for mountains and snow, and "nothing like" the infantry, fighting vehicles that Thyssen had available at the time, said Mr. Foss.

One former senior Canadian government official who is familiar with the military procurement process said any effort to sell German-made infantry vehicles to a country such as France would be futile.

"It would be like convincing the Japanese to buy a fleet of Fords for use by the Japanese government," said the former official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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Changing explanations

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Former prime minister Brian **Mulroney** and his many spokesmen have offered a variety of explanations for the cash payments he received from **Karlheinz Schreiber**. Here is a summary of those explanations, and how they have changed, since author William Kaplan revealed the payments in *The Globe and Mail* in 2003.

2003: Mr. **Mulroney's** spokesman, Luc Lavoie, explains to Mr. Kaplan that the former prime minister was hired "to assist Schreiber with his pasta business and to arrange a number of introductions and meetings with international business executives."

July 19, 2004: Pat MacAdam, a long-time friend of Mr. **Mulroney's**, sends Mr. Kaplan a fax while the author is conducting research for his impending book about the cash payments. Mr. MacAdam explains that Mr. Schreiber hired Mr. **Mulroney** to sell "armoured vehicles to China" and that "Schreiber also engaged **Mulroney** to explore the sale of pasta machines."

Jan. 25, 2005: William Thorsell, a former *Globe and Mail* editor and **Mulroney** confidant, says in an interview with Howard Goldenthal, a producer with CBC's *the fifth estate*, that Mr. **Mulroney** was hired "for representation on a couple of issues of business for Mr. Schreiber."

"Believe it or not, this pasta machine business was going to be a big one," Mr. Thorsell said. "Apparently, it was a very good pasta machine. And he wanted to get it into McDonald's restaurants. He thought that would be a great thing because there is a big market and that's a new line for McDonald's. There was that and there was something else to do with his business in China.... It was the usual door-opening representation thing that happens to a lot of these people on law firms."

Dec. 13, 2007: Appearing before the House of Commons ethics committee, Mr. **Mulroney** explains that Mr. Schreiber paid him to take trips to China, Russia and France, where he "met with government and industry leaders and explored with them the prospects for this peacekeeping vehicle either for their national needs, or for use in international peacekeeping initiatives either under their sponsorship, or under the sponsorship of the United Nations."

At another point during that committee hearing, he was asked by New Democrat MP Joe Comartin whether the cash was for "the military vehicle or the pasta business also?"

"No, just the military vehicle," Mr. **Mulroney** replied.

Greg McArthur

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Mulroney says he worked for Schreiber, not Thyssen

BYLINE: CBC News**LENGTH:** 460 words

Former prime minister Brian **Mulroney** has responded to reports suggesting there is no evidence he did any work for a German arms manufacturer in exchange for cash payments from **Karlheinz Schreiber**.

The CBC and Globe and Mail reported Monday that a joint investigation failed to find any evidence **Mulroney** did international consulting work for Thyssen.

"While true, it is a puzzling new line of attack as no one, including Mr. **Mulroney**, has ever claimed that he worked for Thyssen AG," said a statement on the former prime minister's media relations website.

Mulroney told the House of Commons ethics committee last year he accepted three cash payments totalling \$225,000 for international consulting work he did on behalf of German-Canadian businessman Schreiber, who worked for Thyssen.

The statement, posted Monday, said **Mulroney** "was retained as a consultant by Thyssen Bear Head industries, (later known as Thyssen Canada) by its then Chairman Karl-Heinz Schreiber, a contract that Mr. Schreiber has described and attested to under oath."

The statement quotes transcripts from his December 2007 ethics committee appearance, including a response to a question from NDP MP Joe Comartin.

Comartin: You didn't see yourself as an employee of Thyssen.

Mulroney: No, I was an international consultant.

Mulroney told the committee he travelled to Russia, China and France on behalf of Thyssen to promote the company's armoured vehicles for national needs and for use in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

The CBC and Globe contacted officials familiar with military sales in Russia, China, France and Canada, as well as the company itself, in attempts to verify the former prime minister's claims, the CBC's Harvey Cashore said.

"While there's no evidence to disprove what Mr. **Mulroney** is saying, we couldn't find any evidence so far to corroborate it," Cashore said Monday.

Mulroney said he lobbied Chinese officials during a 1993 visit to Beijing, but Canada's ambassador to China at the time said the former prime minister didn't mention his lobbying once during the trip.

"As far as we at the embassy were aware, we were not aware of anything of the sort, and we would have been, normally," Fred Bild said. "I just find it very strange."

Mulroney also told the committee he lobbied former Russian president Boris Yeltsin in 1994. However, military defence expert Christopher Foss said Russia wasn't buying equipment during that time.

Foss also rejected the suggestion France was in the market for German equipment, saying it was a leading exporter of armoured vehicles. **Mulroney** said he made two trips to France to lobby.

Mulroney says he worked for Schreiber, not Thyssen CBC News February 12, 2008 Tuesday 9:46 AM GMT

Mulroney will have the chance to give more details himself soon. He's expected to testify again in front of the committee before the end of the month.

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