

WE WELCOME TONIGHT A FRIEND, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF A VIGOROUS AND INDEED COURAGEOUS ADMINISTRATION. YOU AND PRESIDENT CARTER HAVE BROUGHT RENEWED ELEMENTS OF HUMANITY AND PERSONAL CONCERN TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT IN BRINGING ISRAEL AND EGYPT TOGETHER AGAIN AND REKINDLING THEIR RESOLVE TO FIND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS WELL KNOWN. ONLY A DEDICATED ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES COULD HAVE ESTABLISHED THIS FRAMEWORK. THERE MAY STILL BE SOME DISTANCE TO GO BEFORE THAT PART OF THE WORLD KNOWS THE FULL BLESSINGS OF PEACE, BUT CANADA IS ALSO COMMITTED TO DOING ITS PART TO KEEPING BOTH PARTIES NEGOTIATING AND ENSURING THE NECESSARY INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE FOR A LASTING PEACE.

ON BILATERAL MATTERS, NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE WE FACED MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS; YET RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SELDOM BEEN BETTER THAN THEY ARE TO-DAY. TO BE SURE THERE ARE TENSIONS AND STILL UNRESOLVED ISSUES OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, BUT THERE IS NO BITTERNESS, NO SENSE OF CONFRONTATION. RATHER THERE IS A STRONG AND MUTUALLY SHARED COMMITMENT TO CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION AND THE RESULTS ARE