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Ottawa, October 14, 1975 -- Following is the text of Secretary Kissinger's arrival statement:

"Mr. Minister, on behalf of my colleagues and myself I would like to express our great pleasure at being able to realize this long held plan to visit Canada. I have visited Canada, this is in fact the third time in recent months, but this is my first official visit to Ottawa and I look forward to friendly, warm and detailed talks with my colleague and with other ministers.

"The Foreign Minister has correctly characterized our relationship not as special, as has sometimes been said, but as unique. We have closer consultation with Canada than with any other nation. We share more common problems and we share the need for parallel solutions on a whole range of issues.

"Canada is no longer a junior partner but a country which rightfully takes its place in the economic and political councils of the world, a country whose participation we think is crucial in the meetings of the producers and consumers and also at the Economic Summit that is being planned for Paris in November.

"Beyond this we have benefitted enormously from the frequent, cordial, and informal exchanges of view that take place at all levels between all ministeries and also at the highest levels. I look forward very much to my talks with my colleague here as well as with the Prime Minister and to the warm and cordial reception which I have already received and which I know is always characteristic of Ottawa. Thank you very much."