

The following message is from the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent:

I am happy to receive your message on the occasion of the signing of the Agreement between our two Governments covering the atomic reactor project.

Under this Agreement, Canada makes available to India a high powered atomic research and experimental reactor, and I should like to express to you the warm and sincere appreciation of the Government and the people of India of this generous gift. The provision of this new and important research facility in India has been made possible by the friendship and good will existing between our two countries, which will now be further strengthened by the close association of Canadian and Indian scientists and engineers in the construction of the reactor and in its uses for the progress of civilization and for the benefit of mankind.

It is our hope that the research centre at Bombay will prove useful to scientists from other countries in this region and beyond. To the fellowship of our own scientists will always be welcomed men and women from other lands moved by the same vision and dedicated to the pursuit of similar ends.

The research and technical facilities afforded by this reactor will promote advances of knowledge in agriculture, biology, and medicine, which, but for the use of radio-isotopes, would have taken decades to achieve. The reactor will also enable Canadian and Indian scientists and their colleagues from other countries to do advanced experiments in the technology of atomic power generation, which, we hope, will accelerate the practical use of atomic energy for the generation of electric power.

This close collaboration in a highly complicated field between the scientists and engineers of two countries, geographically as far removed as Canada and India, is a symbol of the manner in which the world has shrunk through modern technology, and a token, I hope, of the peace, understanding and cooperation, which will one day spread throughout the world.

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