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I count it a very great privilege to be here today to foregather with the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. First and foremost, I am very pleased indeed to have this opportunity to express to all of you the deep sense of appreciation which I feel in the very great honour which the Corps has done me in nominating me as Colonel Commandant and may I also express my very great appreciation to my old friend, the Minister of National Defence and to the Government of Canada for sanctioning my appointment to this high office.

I assure you that I will do my best to discharge the duties which will be incumbent upon me and in particular I hope that from now on I may be more fortunate than I have been in the past in being able to be present at the various Corps meetings throughout the year and that thereby I shall be enabled to keep touch with all the members of the Corps. I hope, in particular, that I may see something at firsthand of the work and training which is being done and of the organization which you are evolving to carry out the vitally important duties in Canada's defence which have been allotted to you. Needless to say I have every confidence that these duties will be discharged with that high efficiency and complete satisfaction to all concerned that has been characteristic of Canadian electrical and mechanical engineers since the Corps' establishment during World War II and long before that also.

I have said I hope that I shall be more fortunate in the future to be with the Corps but by that I must be careful not to imply any discontent with the task which has fallen to me to carry out during the last four years. Because indeed, for international importance, both present and into the future, and for dynamic technical and international political interest, I do not think that any other work could have matched the experience which I have been privileged to have as Canada's Representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission and on the Security Council. I feel sure you will have understood the pressing and continued urgency of this work and my consequent inability to leave the United Nations except on somewhat rare and uncertain occasions, seldom predictable in advance.

It is in relation to the United Nations that I am to talk to you tonight. This organization is now only in its 4th