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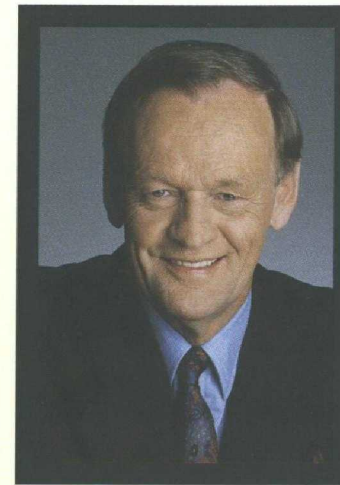
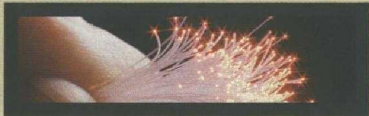
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Canadians have a reputation around the world for outstanding products and services. Our customers know that we produce what they need, and we deliver it on time and according to the highest standards.

Canadians welcome the challenges and demands of economic growth.

- Our companies specialize in building and installing the facilities, systems and networks that make economies not only work, but work efficiently and effectively.
- We build transit systems, construct roads and even move payloads around outer space. We are at the forefront of oil and gas production and electricity generation and we are the world's largest exporter of minerals, metals and forest products.
- Our telecommunications networks and computer software are unsurpassed in their capacity to move and process information: the lifeblood of today's global economy.

Canadians are pioneers in environmental services that protect and restore air, land and water resources. In food production and processing, Canadian firms span the market, from breeding stock and cooking oils to smoked salmon and ice wine.

Our strong financial institutions offer many reliable services worldwide to help individuals to save and invest and businesses to grow. The doors of our colleges and universities are open, ready to extend to international scholars the top-quality education enjoyed by Canadians. And Canadian authors, film producers and artists have won international acclaim, receiving some of the world's most prestigious awards.

In building a strong, modern economy, Canadians know that success depends on resourcefulness and imagination.

I invite you to consider Canada's goods and services, its know-how and expertise, and its willingness to adapt these goods and services to satisfy the needs of its customers. Canadian firms are ready to form partnerships, joint ventures or strategic alliances to put Canadian excellence to work — at home and abroad. I encourage you to take advantage of the goods, services and technology that Canada and Canadians have to offer.

Jean Chrétien

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

