

this really goes without saying, it is unrealistic to conclude that Canada would acquiesce in what it regarded as a decline in its relations with the United States.

The active assertion of national will in both nations requires that we acknowledge the legitimate aspirations and interests of the other, that we recognize the changes that are taking place in Canada and the United States, and that we take into account the fundamental desire of Canadians and Americans that our relationship, at bedrock, be mutually beneficial.

Against this background I think we are just beginning a long but orderly process which will involve a reasonable and constructive readjustment in our relations, in which each of us grows more aware of the other's proper concerns. We begin with the advantages of a long-standing friendship, and of a substantial degree of common interest. Canadians are the first to recognize the contribution to peace and world betterment which United States international leadership represents. And I think you will agree that there are many ways in which Canada does assist in shouldering the burden.

I look forward to our talks tomorrow as being a prime example of the kind of dialogue which marks our relations. And I am confident the frequent consultations which Dr. Kissinger and I have found so useful will have established a pattern for the future.