

no doubt be difficulties and problems but there is much in common between us. We have no desire, therefore, to stress unduly what may turn out to be, if we are careful, temporary and relatively limited differences. We must not overlook the opportunities which may yet lie ahead for the improvement of the alliance and its organizations and for joint action in support of our common beliefs.

Beyond the immediate questions of removal of bases and the reorganization in the defence structure of the alliance, there lie the broader questions of NATO policy and of our relations with France. These call for a great effort to find ways of continuing to work together towards the objectives of Western policy in the Atlantic and European areas. They require an effort of statesmanship on the part of national leaders to ensure that we do not lose sight of the ultimate goals of the alliance - security, peace and partnership, and the final achievement of stability in an area of the world which has always been of vital interest to Canada.

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