

assembled in conference to fashion the Union of
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~~North America~~ The Canada
that was to
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Confederation ~~set~~. We were indeed delighted when we learned
that Quebec had been selected for a meeting between Mr.
Churchill and yourself - a meeting which ^{we know will} ~~will become~~ historic,
^{upon} ~~influencing, as it will,~~ the destiny of men and nations.

We rejoice, Mr. President, that your visit to
Canada's Capital comes at a moment when for the first time
in our long history as close neighbours, soldiers of Canada
and the United States have fought side by side. Combined
British, United States and Canadian forces have just completed
the occupation of Sicily as a first step in the liberation
of Europe. Combined United States and Canadian forces have
just occupied the last Japanese outpost in the Western
Hemisphere. ^{here} [In the combined efforts of the military forces
of the United States and the British Empire, joined with those
of the heroic peoples of Russia and China, and of the other
United Nations, lies the certainty of ultimate victory over the
forces of tyranny which have sought the domination of the world.

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Canada counts it a high privilege to have the
opportunity of drawing into relations of closer friendship,
understanding, and good-will the United States and the nations
of the British Commonwealth. We are firmly convinced that
in the continued close association of the British Commonwealth
of Nations and the United States of America lies the surest
guarantee of international peace, and of the furtherance of the
well-being of mankind throughout the world.