

MR. PRESIDENT, IT CAN ONLY BE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY, WHICH I USE TO SALUTE YOU AS A TRUE AND VALUED FRIEND OF CANADA AND AS THE LEADER OF A GREAT DEMOCRACY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

LET US REKINDLE THE SPIRIT OF JOINT ENDEAVOUR BY OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN THAT SPIRIT, I BID YOU A WARM WELCOME AND I INVITE YOU TO SEEK, WITH ME, REAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AS A RESULT OF YOUR VISIT AND OUR MEETINGS.

MAY I INVOKE THAT MOST POIGNANT OF IRISH BLESSINGS ARE EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE LORD ALWAYS HOLD YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE "IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND".

MR. PRESIDENT, WELCOME TO QUEBEC CITY, AND WELCOME TO CANADA. YOU ARE HERE AMONG FRIENDS.