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Welcome to the President of the United States

~~Spoken by The Prime Minister, The Right Honourable
L. Mackenzie King, Parliament Hill, Ottawa
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of Canada

members of the Parliament of Canada

Mr. President,
Your Excellency,
Your Royal Highness,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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~~This is~~

~~To-day will be, for all time,~~ a memorable day for Canada. I need not remind you, Mr. President, how often I have expressed the ~~hope~~ ^{desire} that you might, during your term of office as President of the United States, visit Ottawa. ~~We have hoped~~ ^{and} that on such a visit, you would speak to the members of the Senate and the House of Commons, either within or without the walls of our Houses of Parliament. You know, too, how frequently His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice have expressed the wish that they might have the honour of a visit from Mrs. Roosevelt and yourself at some time during His Excellency's term of office as the representative in Canada of His Majesty the King.

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Perhaps I may be allowed also to mention how ~~strongly~~ ^{greatly} for personal reasons, I have ~~hoped that I might~~ ^{looked forward to} have the pleasure of welcoming to the seat of government and to my own home, one whose friendship I have been privileged to enjoy ^{for over forty years} ~~in ever closer association, since College days at Harvard University.~~ Today all these hopes and wishes, so warmly cherished by the people of Canada, by their representatives