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Welcome to the President of the United States~~Spoken by The Prime Minister, The Right Honourable~~~~W. L. Mackenzie King, Parliament Hill, Ottawa~~~~August 25, 1943~~

Mr. President,

Your Excellency,

Your Royal Highness,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I ~~stat~~~~To-day will be, for all time,~~ ^{This is} a memorable day for

Canada. I need not remind you, Mr. President, how often I
 have expressed the ^{desire} ~~hope~~ that you might, during your term of
 office as President of the United States, visit Ottawa.

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~~We have hoped~~ 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.

Perhaps I may be allowed also to mention how
^{greatly} ~~strongly~~ for personal reasons, I have ^{looked forward to} ~~hoped that I might~~
 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