

SURELY THERE IS THE HOPE THAT WE CAN FIND CONCENSUS IN OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS. IT IS WITH THIS HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IN MIND THAT I WISH FAIR SAILING AND GOOD FORTUNE TO ALL THOSE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT WILL BE TO SEE THAT THE MTN HARVEST FOR CANADA IS IN FACT GATHERED IN.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE CLOSING YEARS OF THE MTN, BOB GREY AND I WILL

HAVE MANY VIVID MEMORIES OF "CRUNCH" MEETINGS AND THE LINE WITH OUR CHIEF

TRADING PARTNERS - MOMENTS OF HIGH TENSION OCCASIONALLY OFFSET BY COMIC RELIEF.

BUT THERE IS ONE MEMORY WHICH I SHALL HOLD PARTICULARLY DEAR IT WILL NOT

BE OF THE FRONT LINE, RATHER IT WILL BE OF THE CAPACITIES WE FOUND WITHIN

OURSELVES HERE IN CANADA TO PUT TOGETHER THE CANADIAN POSITIONS AND ADAPT

THEM AS THE NEGOTIATIONS EVOLVED. SOMEHOW THROUGH THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

WITH THE PRODUCERS, WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND WITH THE HELP OF ALL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, WE WERE ABLE TO KNIT TOGETHER A PACKAGE WHICH SEEMS

BY AND LARGE TO HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE NARROW MARGINS OF ACCEPTABILITY IN A

COUNTRY WHICH ENCOMPASSES AS MANY DIVERGENT REGIONAL AND SECTORAL INTERESTS

AS OUR OWN. IF SUCH COMMON GROUND CAN BE FOUND IN AN OPERATION OF THE COMPLEXITY

AND IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC RELEVANCE TO CANADA AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE MTN, THEN