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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN CANADA

Canadian Forces Base (South),
Hanger 11,
Ottawa, Canada

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THE PRESIDENT: Your excellencies, Nancy and I are happy to be here. One can receive no warmer greeting than the heartfelt welcome of a trusted friend. And yes, we, the people of the United States and of Canada are more than good neighbors; we are good friends. As we citizens of North America, while respecting the sovereignty and independence of our respective national identities, are without question friends that can be counted upon. Whether in times of trial and insecurity or in times of peace and commerce, our relationship has never weakened. The faith between us has never wavered.

We each play a separate and important role in international affairs. We have economic interests that bind us in cooperation and, in some cases, put us into competition. But these separate roles are respected by our two peoples and have never diminished the harmony between us.

I hope this visit will make clear my commitment as President of the United States to work in close cooperation with the government of Canada. Whether in trade or defense, or protection of our environment and natural resources, our two nations shall continue the unique relationship that has been the envy of the world, a relationship that has enhanced the standard of living and the freedom of our people.

Let us continue and let us move forward. It is a great pleasure to be here with you. Merci. (Applause.)

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