

even more important, they must be effective.

Some of our policies may be of interest to this audience, and with your permission, I should like to speak about several of them in a few minutes.

But first, let me say that it should not be surprising if these policies in many instances either reflect or take into account the proximity of the United States. Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant: No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, one is affected by every twitch and grunt. (Laughter)

There is in Canada at the present time a growing sense of unease that in a nation as rich as ours there is a problem of widespread poverty; that among people as dispassionate and understanding as are Canadians there is linguistic apprehensiveness and inequality; that in a world possessed of the technological means to journey to the planets, there exist terrifying threats to our environment and to our very existence.

Canada, by itself, cannot solve all these problems, and perhaps not even some of them. But we firmly believe that we can and must apply our talents and our resources in such a fashion as to seek solutions and, where appropriate, to persuade other states to cooperate with us in seeking these solutions. We have some qualifications for these tasks, and we have had considerable valuable experience which might