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. . . In little over a week, I shall be undertaking a 12-day visit
to Poland, the Soviet Union and Italy. This trip will be in answer to long-
standing invitations from the governments concerned. I expect to discuss
relations between Canada and these countries and to review some of the leading
subjects in world affairs.

. . . There are certain fundamental points about the present world
situation, as we have seen it in Canada, which can serve as an introduction to
my remarks:

(1) In spite of the Vietnam situation, there appear to be
possibilities for better relations with the Soviet Union
and the European Communist nations which are worth explor-
ing.

(2) The policies of individual Western nations in this field
may not always be the same, but this situation is not
necessarily a weakness from the standpoint of general
Western interest.

(3) Although settlement of many of the greatest problems
depends finally on relations between the United States
and the Soviet Union, there can be significant discussion
and action by lesser powers.

(4) The search for better relations in Europe must almost
inevitably at present be directed towards bilateral
questions, but progress in this field is very likely to
have an important bearing on the eventual solution of the
underlying and general problems.

(5) The European Communist nations seem likely to maintain a
fairly vigorous and increasingly sophisticated campaign to
achieve their objectives in relations with the West.
Whether they fully intend this or not, they are likely to