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Address by the Honourable Paul Martin,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
at a Dinner of the Midwestern Regional
Conference of Attorneys General in
Detroit, Michigan, December 7, 1965.

I should like to express my appreciation of your invitation to speak at the dinner being held in connection with this Conference of Attorneys General. I should also like to take this opportunity of conveying greetings from across the border to the eminent representatives of so many states. It is always a pleasure to be with persons skilled in the law. I have a natural common interest with those holding executive positions in government. My Detroit friends know that I have one other good reason for welcoming your invitation, since I am a close neighbour from across the river. You have many themes of regional and national interest to consider.

Later this week I shall be leaving for Europe in order to attend the meeting of the NATO Ministerial Council. The foreign ministers and defence ministers of the countries composing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will consider questions of vital importance to the alliance. These are questions of what is best for the alliance in political strategy, military arrangements, and in methods of political consultation. They are fundamental questions of achieving an effective partnership between member countries which will advance the interests of the whole Atlantic Community.

Since the Council meeting is also an occasion for governments to take stock of the world situation, we shall be considering the general progress of the world community towards security and the rule of law.

Consideration of topics as wide as these presents some difficulties. What, for example, is the connection between our obligations under NATO to develop regional defence and partnership and our obligations under the United Nations to develop world security and law?

These obligations are not merely complementary. They are ultimately the same. There is no such thing, in my mind, as regional security in the abstract, divorced from international security in the broader sense. There may be -- there are -- many examples of defence arrangements