

The challenge we face, constantly, is to keep abreast conceptually of the changes that have taken place or will take place in our relationship, so that mutual understanding is based on reality rather than fiction or emotion -- past or present -- so that this understanding effectively bears upon the resolution of bilateral issues.

With these thoughts in mind, and in the spirit that has stimulated these thoughts, it is now my privilege and distinct honour to propose a toast to the enduring friendship between Canada and the United States of America, and to the continued health and prosperity of our esteemed guests, Dr. Henry Kissinger and his charming wife, Nancy.