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NOTES FOR A SPEECH BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MULRONEY, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, UPON THE DEPARTURE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MRS. REAGAN QUEBEC CITY, MARCH 18, 1985

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AS YOUR ALL TOO BRIEF STAY COMES TO AN END, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, MR. PRESIDENT, TO EXPRESS MY PLEASURE AND PRIDE AT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE YOU HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL CANADIANS.

OUR COUNTRIES WERE ALREADY FRIENDS. THEY WILL BE EVEN CLOSER FRIENDS AFTER THE EXCHANGES OF THE LAST FEW DAYS, WHICH HAVE STRENGTHENED THE TIES THAT UNITE THEM.

THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY AU REVOIR.

THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, AND IN PARTICULAR THE PEOPLE OF QUEBEC, TRE PLEASED AND PROUD TO HAVE HAD YOU AND NANCY AMONG US DURING THESE PAST TWO DAYS. YOUR PRESENCE HAS ADDED SOME CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE TO OUR TRADITIONAL WINTER FESTIVITIES IN QUEBEC AND CANADA.

THESE HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE DAYS FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE HAVE COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING US. WE HAVE PROVIDED A SOLID, AGREED BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND PROGRESS BY OUR COLLEAGUES, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

WE HAVE MOVED INTO A NEW, MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PHASE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.