

It is equally noteworthy that some 200 leading Canadian business people are in Moscow with me to meet their Soviet counterparts. Their presence here is the most concrete evidence possible of the benefits of reform.

Numerous private agreements will be initiated and others concluded during our visit here, joint ventures worth as much as a billion dollars, or more, that will bring new technology and skills and create new economic development and employment here in the U.S.S.R.

The key to all of this activity has been the change taking place in the U.S.S.R. -- the restructuring of the economy, the political reforms and the revisions to the constitution, the trend to improvements in human rights, the reorientation of foreign policy, the interest in participating in the international economy.

We are confident, now, that a new political and economic relationship between the U.S.S.R. and Canada can be built, a relationship that benefits both sides. A relationship that helps to reinforce each other's stake in peace, based on mutual economic interest. A relationship that permits both sides to keep the solemn promises they made at their Cenotaphs --to build a better, more prosperous, and more peaceful world for generations to come.