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GOVERNOR GENERAL SCHREYER'S REMARKS
WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN,
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GOVERNOR GENERAL SCHREYER: Mr. President, it is with great pleasure and warmth of feeling that we greet you and Mrs. Reagan on behalf of the people of Canada. You come to us, Mr. President, representing the country that is both our nearest neighbour and also which the history of this 20th century has made our closest ally.

Through the long years of our association, Canada and the United States of America have met and overcome many challenges and problems together. We have, I believe, acted effectively as partners, confident that our differences make our combined efforts that much more effective. Now, in a period of uncertainty in the world, Canada remains committed to working with the United States to further the fundamental ideals and values of freedom and of equality before the law, which we both share.

Mr. President, I am confident that your visit to Canada will serve to strengthen the firm and rational ties of friendship and practical cooperation which exist firmly and historically between our two countries. While here, I hope that beyond the sometimes formal aspects of State occasions, that you will also encounter something of the human kindred dimension which gives relations between Canada and the United States and as between the millions of individual Americans and Canadians their deeper meaning and their unique character.

Monsieur le Président, au nom de tous les Canadiens je vous souhaite la bienvenue dans notre pays, qui, comme le vôtre, compte parmi ses citoyens, des personnes de souches ethniques et linguistiques multiples et variées.

Mr. President, if this is the era of the Global Village, welcome to the house next door. Welcome to Canada.