

There has been a great deal of progress and co-operation in understanding the mutual problems between our countries regarding the necessity of preparedness in the field of transportation.

There have been regular exchange visits between transportation representatives of the Office of Civil and Defence Mobilization and Canadian Civil Defence authorities together with attendance at each other's transportation forums and study groups.

I have only touched on some of the problems involved in defence preparedness in the transportation field. Looking at the overall picture of mutual defence we must all agree that the collaboration which has existed between our countries during the past two decades has indeed been great. There are, and in all likelihood, there will continue to be some weak points in the structure of our partnership but in no sense do they threaten the strength of our unity.

The aims of the United States and Canada - the ideals of the American and Canadian peoples are by tradition basically the same and it is hoped that they will remain so. I trust that in our relations with each other on this North American Continent we will see the development of even greater strength and still more confident mutual understanding within this unique association of our two nations.

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