

and then quadrupled its defence effort and its example is inspiring its North Atlantic allies.

The result is that for the first time since the end of fighting in the Second World War, there is good reason for believing that time is on our side and that if we continue our present defence policies and pursue a patient, restrained and firm diplomacy, we may succeed in averting war and finally in reaching with the Soviet Union some tolerable way of living side by side in peace.

In the preamble of the North Atlantic Treaty our two nations, along with ten other nations, affirmed their determination "to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law."

You in the United States and we in Canada share a common faith in that freedom and in that heritage and civilization. We share a common hope that we can preserve them against the assaults of their enemies. Let us share also a common sense of charity to each other. With faith, hope and charity we can accomplish the task that lies before us.

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