U.S.A. and the activities of United States fishermen in the areas concerned will not be affected by the promulgation of our fisheries closing lines. There are as well other treaty arrangements with the United States and also France off Canada's east coast, and similarly the rights accruing under these treaties will be respected.

There may be differences of views as to whether or not a phasing-out period should be granted for countries which have carried on traditional fishing practices in areas over which a coastal state has established fisheries jurisdiction, as we are now doing in Canada's special bodies of water. There can, however, be no such differences of views with respect to areas which have become part of Canada's 12-mile territorial sea.

The extension of Canada's territorial sea to 12 miles and the establishment of exclusive Canadian fishing zones in the special bodies of water will permit us to conclude expeditiously the negotiations begun in 1964 following the passage of the Territorial Seas and Fishing Zones Act.

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