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WELCOMING STATEMENT

**BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MULRONEY,
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,
UPON THE ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN
QUEBEC CITY
MARCH 17, 1985**

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. REAGAN, DEAR FRIENDS.

I AM PLEASED TO OFFER A DOUBLE WELCOME TO YOU TODAY, ON BEHALF OF BOTH OUR COUNTRY, CANADA AND THIS PROVINCE, QUEBEC.

YOU ARE HERE IN THE HEART OF QUEBEC AND FRENCH CANADA, IN THE OLDEST CANADIAN CITY AND ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE FOUNDED IN NORTH AMERICA.

OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR HISTORY AND AS A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF THE FOUNDING PEOPLES OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT YOUR FIRST VISIT DURING YOUR SECOND TERM IN OFFICE SHOULD BE TO THE BIRTHPLACE OF QUEBEC AND OF CANADA.

IT IS HERE THAT A UNIQUE CULTURE, UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD, TOOK ROOT, FLOURISHED AND MATURED.

THE IDENTITY OF THIS CULTURE SPRINGS, ON THE ONE HAND, FROM THE FRENCH CIVILIZATION AND PRESERVATION OF ITS MARVELLOUS LANGUAGE, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, FROM THE CONTINENT WHERE THE PEOPLE MADE THEIR HOME.

HERE IN QUEBEC, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THIS DAY OF DAYS, I EXTEND THE GREETING OF OUR CELTIC ANCESTORS --- A WARM, 100 THOUSAND WELCOMES TO YOU, NANCY AND YOUR DELEGATION AS YOU ARRIVE IN CANADA.