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"Economics, geography, common sense and the national interest dictate that we try to secure and expand our trade with our closest and largest trading partner."

—Prime Minister Mulroney
September 26, 1985

"I . . . propose that our two governments pursue a new Trade Agreement involving the broadest possible package of mutually beneficial reductions in barriers to trade in goods and services. Such an agreement should secure and enhance access to each other's markets by reducing and eliminating tariff and non-tariff barriers and result in a better and more predictable set of rules whereby our trade is conducted."

—The Prime Minister to President Reagan, October 1, 1985

"This is a good deal, good for Canada; and good for all Canadians. . . This deal is going to give us greater access to the biggest, richest, most dynamic market in the world."

—The Prime Minister
October 5, 1987

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