

Personally, I have a great interest in your system of government, which in so many respects resembles our own. We too have a federal system of government arising out of the desire of the people in various parts of Canada to manage part of the machinery of government for themselves. Our political parties, in the same way as yours, reflect the regional differences of the people of our country.

It is true to say that the institutions and interests our nations share in common are drawing our two peoples closer together. And in bringing our people towards a greater understanding, no one, I think, has made a greater contribution than you yourself, Mr. Chancellor and your ambassador to Canada, Dr. Werner Dankwort, who has been in residence in Ottawa since November 1951. It is my fervent hope that in some small way my visit to Germany may be regraded as an indication of the desire of the people of Canada to maintain and strengthen cordial relations between our two nations and thus contribute to our common goal of a happier world through peace and security among men of goodwill.

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