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Your visit, Mr. President, vividly recalls the visit to Ottawa, in August 1943, of your illustrious predecessor. It was the first visit to Canada's Capital of a President of the United States. That visit was at a time of war. At that time, the allied nations were still two years away from ultimate victory. Today, we are almost equidistant from the final battles which brought an end to hostilities in Europe and in Asia.

It was on the eve of the final battles that President Roosevelt was taken from his people. We do not forget it was without a moment's warning, and at that hour of world crisis, that the mighty burdens which he had borne so long and with such great fortitude were transferred from his shoulders to yours. Before final victory was won, you were called upon to take grave and historic decisions. Since the end of the war, you have been faced with the baffling tasks of reconstruction, when the grim effects of world conflict are still more apparent than the foundations of peace. We are glad to have the opportunity, which your presence here today affords, to tell