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among us, and we all got oy contacts with people need that they were truly I can assure you that it is a great pleasure to meet you gentlemen of the press of Pakistan, and I would meet you gentlemen of the press my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to express my very deep appreciation of like first of all to exp exaggerated way in which the newspapers have announced my visit to Pakistan. They have certainly not exaggerated when they said it was a great pleasure for me to bring warm when they said it was a great pleasure for me to bring warm greetings from my own country to the people of Pakistan, greetings from my own country origin of your State felt that because we have from the very origin of your State felt that because we have from the very origin of your people and ours, there was very much in common between your people and ours, there was very much in common between your people and ours, and that was heightened by the very friendly visit with and that was heightened by the very friendly visit with which your late Prime Minister Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan honoured which your late Prime Minister Mr. us in 1950.

We were delighted to receive his visit and we We were delighted to receive his visit and we were especially delighted at the tone of his speech to the Members of Parliament on that occasion. From that day I Members of Parliament on that occasion. From that day I looked forward to the time when it would be possible for looked forward to the time when it would be possible for me to return his visit and to meet some of the people of me to return his visit and to meet some of the people of Pakistan. I wanted to assure them that we appreciated their Pakistan. I wanted to assure them that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us, and the contribution that they would make importance to us an interest of the contribution that they would make importance to us an interest of the contribution that they would make importance to us an interest of the contribution that they would make importance to us with the other free peoples to starting of conditions.

This is just as important to us as it can be to you people of Pakistan in the realization of the planned developments that that you have undertaken with such remarkable success up to the present time.

As you know, we have a very extensive country -but relatively small population for the area of land and but relatively small population country. Though we but relatively small population country. Though we water which constitutes our Canadian country. Though we water which constitutes out ribbon stretching from one had settled only on a narrow ribbon stretching from one had settled only on a narrow ribbon stretching from one ocean to another just north of the boundary between our country and the United States, that in the vast extent north of that right to the Pole - over which we claim sovereignty, of that right to the Pole - over which we are establishing our posts you know - and through which we are establishing our posts and missions and making an effective occupation, we are and missions and making an effective occupation, we are and missions and making an effective occupation, we are that are being put to use. We think discovering resources will contribute to the quantity of that these resources will contribute to the quantity of that these resources the comfort of men and women, not only things available for the comfort of men and women, not only in our own land but in many other lands as well, because you in our own land but in many other lands as well, because you no doubt know that we consume perhaps hardly two-thirds of in our own land but in many other lands as well, because you no doubt know that we consume perhaps hardly two-thirds of no doubt know that we consume perhaps hardly two-thirds of no doubt know that we consume perhaps hardly two-thirds of no doubt know that we consume perhaps hardly one-third of what what we produce, and have to use. Our situation is very much we like to have to use. Our situations and that is why you find us dependent upon world conditions and that is why you find us dependent upon world conditions and that is why you find us dependent upon world the people of all other free countries so anxious to assure the people of all other free countries and those with whom we can have cordial relations, of our and those with whom we can have them and to have their genuine desire to cooperate with them and to have their genuine desire to kind of friendly and cordial relations cooperation in the kind of friendly and cordial relations cooperation in the kind of arrived here in Karachi, since I that I have felt since I arrived here in Karachi, since I arrived at the airfield 24 hours ago. that I have felt since 1 4 hours ago. arrived at the airfield 24 hours ago.