

President Bush has suggested that we consult, as he continues his intensive preparation for the Summit at Malta. I expect to do so next week. The following week, December 4, I will travel to the NATO heads of government meeting, convened to consider developments at Malta and their implications for all member states.

The elimination of the instruments of war and the building of a durable peace are the greatest legacies any generation can leave the children of the world.

Our objective in coming to the Soviet Union at this time was to launch a new beginning in Canada-USSR affairs. I am satisfied that we have achieved that objective. Clearly, we could not have come at a better or more exciting time.