

The Philadelphia Aurora -- there was a paper called by that name; I don't know if it still exists -- had been rather unkind to President Washington during his Term of Office. When he retired, they had an editorial saying that if ever there was a day for great rejoicing, this was it!

I feel, sir, that an old politician like myself takes some consolation in feeling that times never change.

(Laughter)

You don't have to seek solace in this type of anecdote but, indeed, you added to the sense of hospitality when you were good enough to quote this finding of Dr. Gallup-- of which I knew nothing. It makes me feel that, if ever I get in trouble in Canada, politically, maybe I will come down here!

(Laughter)

I can assure you that if you are in trouble -- which I pray will never happen -- you would be very handily chosen to be the leader of the Canadian people.

Well, your generous remarks are something which are very much in keeping with the friendship and the long history of cooperation between our peoples. It began, I think, around 1781 when the Articles of Confederation proposed that Canada be admitted -- be invited to join the Confederation just by applying; and I believe other Colonies had to have the consent of nine States in order to be admitted. But