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CANADA WELCOMES PRESIDENT KENNEDY

President John F. Kennedy of the United States and Mrs. Kennedy were welcomed to Canada in the following words by Governor-General Georges P. Vanier on their arrival at Uplands Airport, Ottawa, on May 16:

"Mr. President,

In the name of Her Majesty the Queen, I welcome you to Canada. It is a great honour and a privilege to receive you and Mrs. Kennedy on your first state visit to our country, which can fairly claim to be the eldest of the free-born daughters of the Commonwealth.

"I am happy to greet a man whose standards of courage and integrity have been widely acclaimed, not least by the University of New Brunswick, which, in 1957, created you a Doctor of Laws. I can vouch for the happy memory you left there because I returned only yesterday from New Brunswick, where the President of the University recalled your visit with pride.

"I cannot do better than voice and endorse wholeheartedly the following words which you spoke then to the students - 'We ask that you bring enlightenment, vision and illumination to a troubled world where the rock of our two nations' friendship must always stand firm'.

"Much has been written and much said about the frontier lines of North America and how few they are. Their openness is in the words of a poet 'a living proof to all the world of faith in brotherhood'. We are fortunate indeed that while our two countries

acknowledge the existence of man-made frontiers they deny to them the power to divide us.

"How could they divide us? We possess similar ideals. We have the same trust in God, the same conception of life and of man's dignity, the same cult of freedom. With all this in common, we shall ever be proud to share with you the frontier of humanity".

Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker followed the Governor-General with a second speech of welcome:

"Mr. President,

It is my pleasure to welcome you and Mrs. Kennedy on behalf of the Government of Canada.

"That you should have come to Canada on this your first journey outside the United States since assuming the high office and heavy burden of the Presidency is further evidence of the enduring friendship which prevails between the peoples of our countries.

"The welcome extended to you, Mr. President, is not lessened by the fact that Mrs. Kennedy, whose charm and beauty has enchanted Canadians, springs from a racial stock representative of one of the two basic races of Canada.

"Your visit is significant evidence of the fact that close relations between the United States and Canada and other Commonwealth nations are essential to freedom.

"You come not only as a universally recognized world-leader, but as a neighbour and friend just across the way whose declarations some four years ago at the University of New Brunswick when you