

I believe that there is such a Canada, of which we should all be proud to be citizens, whether we speak English or French.

I believe that there can be a Canadian nation within which the two basic cultures can develop in full and equal partnership.

I know that this can only be done if each group respects and understands the position of the other and each appreciates fully the contribution of the other to the building of the Canadian confederation. But I know that it can be done.

I believe also, as I have already said, that while Quebec is a province in this national Confederation, it is more than a province, because it is the heartland of a people, in a very real sense it is a nation within a nation.

I refuse to believe that, in an insecure and dangerous world, where universal brotherhood is now the alternative to universal extinction, where the crying need is for men to come together rather than break apart, all Canadians cannot live together in friendship and understanding, rejecting the dangerous counsel of extremes wherever it comes from, so that together we may achieve a great Canadian destiny.

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