

It is inherent in our partnership, as is indicated in this study, that we should seek to orient our policies in broadly the same direction. But there are levels of divergence which we should regard as not only permissible but desirable if we are each to play our distinctive parts in discharging our international responsibilities. Where there are differences between us, we shall naturally be concerned to minimize their impact on our total relation. But I do not think it is in the tradition of either our countries or in the long-run interest of our partnership that we should be afraid of putting our policies to the test of honest dialogue conducted with restraint and responsibility.

The conception of partnership is central to our relations. Twenty-five years ago, here at Ogdensburg, a new dimension was added to that partnership. In the intervening years, our partnership has broadened beyond the confines of this continent. We are allies in NATO. We are joined in the expanding family of the United Nations. We are engaged together in the great enterprises aimed at achieving world peace and prosperity. On this anniversary occasion we can, I think, affirm confidently that a vigorous and vital partnership will continue to be part of the prospects before us.

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