

WE HAVE PAID OUR DUES -- IN FULL -- AND WE HAVE AS MUCH AT STAKE AS ANY OTHER NATION IN THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE, QUITE LITERALLY, MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR US AND FOR ALL PEOPLES.

CANADIANS WOULD NOT HAVE US SPECTATORS ON THIS VITAL ISSUE OF OUR TIME.

AS I INDICATED TO MR. GORBACHOV IN MOSCOW LAST THURSDAY AND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TODAY, CANADIANS EXPECT THEIR GOVERNMENT TO USE ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP BRING THE WORLD DOWN FROM THE NUCLEAR MOUNTAIN, AND AWAY FROM PERILOUS CONFRONTATION AND TOWARDS A DURABLE PEACE. WE SHALL DO SO, CONSTANTLY AND UNREMITTINGLY.

WE SHALL FOLLOW THIS POLICY, WHEREVER IT LEADS, KNOWING THAT EVERY ADVANCE ALONG THIS ROAD IS WORTHY OF THE GREATEST EFFORT.

I APPRECIATE THE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED AND THE IMPORTANT EXCHANGE WE HAVE HAD ON THIS ISSUE DURING YOUR VISIT.

WE ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR DELEGATES, AND THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. YOU CARRY OUR HOPES AND PRAYERS IN THIS ENDEAVOUR.

MR. PRESIDENT, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE DIFFERENT. NOWHERE PERHAPS IS THIS MORE STRIKING TO AN AMERICAN THAN HERE IN QUEBEC CITY, THE HEART OF THE FRENCH SPEAKING WORLD IN NORTH AMERICA.

WE HAVE MANY DIVERGENCES OF VIEWS, MANY CONFLICTING INTERESTS. BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE SHARE THE SAME BEDROCK OF COMMON VALUES -- FREEDOM, LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY. THESE WE CHERISH FOR OURSELVES AND FOR ALL MANKIND.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU PERSONIFY THE SUCCESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TODAY'S AMERICA. WITH AN EASY GRACE, CLEAR COURAGE AND WARM GOOD HUMOR, YOU HAVE REIGNITED CONFIDENCE, AND PRIDE IN YOUR GREAT NATION. THAT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA AND GOOD FOR HER FRIENDS AND ALLIES AROUND THE WORLD.

YOU HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT GOVERNMENTS DRAW STRENGTH FROM THE SPIRITUAL VALUES AND DIGNITY OF THEIR PEOPLE.

SUCH A NATION IS A WORTHY LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. SUCH A NATION IS A GOOD NEIGHBOUR, A VALUED FRIEND, A TRUSTED ALLY.