

Can one find a more eloquent and more convincing proof of this than in seeing me tonight. The Prime Minister of one country, having received an invitation from the citizens of another country, proceeding here freely to speak to this group without having to consult your government and without any restrictions or difficulty.

And what is more extraordinary is the fact that I am here to give a talk to a group of Americans in a language which is not the current one, a language which is not that of the majority of the American people, which is not even the language of the majority of the people of my own country, but a language which we are free to use in our two countries, because our two nations respect liberty, because both our nations realize that a nation which permits the free development of individuality and the growth of culture, will finally become more civilized and stronger than these nations where the individual is merely the instrument of the state.

The object of my talk tonight was primarily to extend greetings from a kindred group in Canada, but I have also felt that I should emphasize our joint heritage of freedom on this continent.

May it always be so, and may you merit and receive for many years felicitations and greetings as sincere as those which I bring to you tonight.

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