

WELCOMING STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
THE HONOURABLE ALLAN J. MACEachEN, TO DR. HENRY KISSINGER, U.S.A.
SECRETARY OF STATE, OTTAWA, OCTOBER 14, 1975

Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of the Government of Canada, and on my own behalf, it is a deep pleasure for me to welcome you and Mrs. Kissinger to Canada. This is your third visit to our capital in recent years and in many ways you could not have picked a better time to come to Ottawa, bedecked as it is in the reds and golds of autumn.

In our meetings, Mr. Secretary, at various places throughout the world; in Europe, at the United Nations, in Washington, I have placed great value on the discussions we have had about matters of interest to both our countries. I have profited from learning of your views on major issues facing our nations and our contemporary world. Our discussions have been very much in the tradition of the close communication which has existed between our two countries. In this tradition, your visit to Ottawa will, I am sure, add further to our mutual understanding and enhance what I believe is a unique bilateral relationship. Our discussions will, I think, be friendly and wide-ranging and of the kind that takes place between Foreign Ministers of countries which are old friends who know and respect each other.

During your all too short stay in Ottawa, Mr. Secretary, you will have an opportunity to meet the Prime Minister of Canada, a number of my colleagues in the Cabinet, and Canadians from different parts of our vast land. I know that all whom you will meet will join me in welcoming you and in voicing appreciation for the indefatigable and constructive efforts you have made to enhance peace and stability in our troubled world. Bearing in mind the bicentennial of your great nation, I want to express the profound admiration of Canadians for the achievements, creativity, vitality and leadership which are so representative of the United States of America.

Thank you.