

Our two-track approach to trade -- within the general agreement on tariffs and trade and with the United States -- is about Canada's future. It is about jobs for the future. It is about economic growth for those regions of Canada that are not sharing in the wealth that our present economy provides.

The complementary nature of the two-track approach has been cited recently by important visitors to Canada. West European firms would feel more confident about investing in Canada if they knew they would also gain access to the lucrative U.S. market. Investment, of course, brings Canada the new jobs and economic growth we need.

In agreement with Minister Bangemann's prediction, members of the Japanese Investment Mission suggest in their January report that more certain access to the U.S. market would enhance Japanese trade with, and investment in, Canada. The world is watching the progress of our negotiations.

Our free trade negotiations with the United States - complement fully our multilateral initiative. Any deal with the United States must be and will be consistent with the GATT.

Our objectives in our bilateral negotiations are to secure and enhance our unique trading relationship with the United States, to end trade harassment and promote stability, to create new trade and job opportunities, to unleash the full economic potential of Canadians. This is our vision.

The alternative is the blind fears and anxieties of the Liberals and N.D.P.

It seems that many foreign observers are watching and listening more closely than some Canadians. Take Ed Broadbent, for example. The night after the great trade debate, he appeared on The Journal. When the reporter asked if Mr. Broadbent could be for free trade under certain conditions, he answered -- and I quote -- "if we're talking about an arrangement that has certain protective mechanisms, that keeps in place marketing boards, that keeps in certain investment requirements in the automotive industry, that protects our cultural industries,...we could have a trade arrangement with the U.S.".