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An historic free trade agreement between Canada and the United States looks increasingly probable, perhaps by early 1988.

Those of you who attended the "Great Trade Debate" on February 4, 1987 in Los Angeles went away, I am sure, with a much better understanding of the issues involved in the on-going bilateral trade negotiations.

Responding to interest expressed by conference attendees as well as others, we have compiled and bound the five major speeches presented at the conference for reference and study purposes. Special thanks go to the Honorable William Bennett, Mr. Garth Drabinsky, Mr. William Merkin, Mr. James Miscoll, Ambassador Allan Gotlieb and, of course, moderator Keith Morrison, for their outstanding contribution to the conference.

I would also like to thank the sponsoring organizations, Canada California Chamber of Commerce, who along with Town Hall, UCLA and the L.A. Chamber of Commerce, worked hard to ensure the success of the conference.

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