

achievements and of incredible promise. We do not underestimate the seriousness and magnitude of our present problems or of the challenge we now face to our national unity. But Americans who have watched us for so long from their side of the border will know that our sense of national purpose remains strong; that our will and our ability to accommodate legitimate though diverse objectives has not diminished and that the determination of the great majority of Canadians of all backgrounds and in every region is to build a stronger and even more united Canada.

As we pursue this important task, we appreciate the attitude of our American friends. The total absence of any improper interference is only what we would expect from a trusted neighbor. It should be an example for others.

Indeed there is much in our relationship that others could emulate. We live in a world where trust between neighbors is in woefully short supply and where suspicion and cynicism are the principal ingredients in international dealings. How satisfying in such a climate to know that in Canada-US relations a simple phone call between Ottawa and Washington is often enough to resolve a serious problem and that a handshake can serve as well as a complex treaty.

We Canadians want to keep things that way; I am sure you Americans do too. And we will!

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