

It is a great pleasure to be here with my friend and colleague Secretary Schultz, to receive with him the Freedom Award of the Windsor-Detroit International Freedom Festival. It is a particular pleasure to be back in Michigan. My grandmother was born and raised in Bay City. Her father, Archibald MacDonnell, was a Republican Mayor-Do you still have Republican Mayors? Perhaps if she had stayed in Michigan, I would be in Congress today, fighting acid rain, promoting freer trade, reminding the United States how lucky you are to have a big country like Canada next door to look after you.

Some of the issues that are dealt with between Canada and the United States are the vital themes of the International Freedom Festival itself. They include our respective contributions to international security and the importance of trade. They also include increasingly urgent environmental issues, including the problems we share in the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Waterways and the mounting cost of trans-boundary pollution.

Since Secretary Schultz and I began meeting almost three years ago, environmental issues have been high on our agenda-National issues like acid rain and important regional issues like the proposed Detroit incinerator. These problems require both hard work and real will and are particularly important to us. Acid rain is not an equal opportunity destroyer. It threatens our economy and the health of our people more than yours. Nonetheless, the sheer urgency of the problem and the increased cooperation between the Prime Minister and the President will, I feel confident, eventually bring about significant reductions of acid rain causing emissions on a realistic timetable to the benefit of both Canadians and Americans.

Respecting the incinerator, the interests of Canadians and Americans alike would be served most effectively by ensuring that when the incinerator goes into operation it is equipped with the best available control technology. In the past, we have made encouraging progress in successfully addressing such problems through instruments like the Boundary Waters Treaty and the Great Lakes Quality Agreement. We hope and expect that pattern to continue, on issues which literally poison the atmosphere between our countries.

The Freedom Award cites Canada and the USA as "the world's strongest most enduring allies." On June 5, 1987, the Mulroney government tabled a Defence White Paper which, for the first time in 16 years, sets out a comprehensive and farsighted review of Canada's defence policy. It commits