

Alliance in which France was not participating in a way that was commensurate with her position in the world or in which there was an irretrievable cleavage between France and her NATO partners. We regard the contribution of France as essential to the Alliance and she forms, as Mr. St. Laurent once put it, "an integral part of the framework of our international life".

We acknowledge the claims of the European members of the Alliance to a greater degree of participation in the nuclear arrangements of NATO. We still think that these claims can be met within the existing machinery of the Alliance. We shall be exploring our ideas with our friends and partners over the next few weeks. We believe, above all, that we must now embark on a real dialogue between those holding different views as to the best way of providing for our collective security. I need hardly say that the outcome of that dialogue will be of crucial importance to Canada, as it will to the Alliance as a whole.

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