

I am sure I can speak for President Lopez Portillo, and I certainly speak for myself, and for Canadians, when I say that we have great expectations that this Continental neighborhood will flourish and develop because of the great personal interest you have shown in it.

The links between our Countries are so numerous; the cooperation that we are involved in is so deep, that this kind of meeting is as natural as it is friendly.

As I looked through the enormous briefing books that I have, sir -- and I am sure it happened to you, too -- I just felt that perhaps there is nothing that our Countries can do that does not involve one another. There are so many associations, so many committees, so many clubs, so many links between us of all kinds -- that I believe they are absolutely legion! I tried to get a count, and I was told that it was impossible; and I can well understand that!

We have been such old friends, and our links are so deep; but this number of associations together can only rest on the deep friendship between our peoples.

The International Women's Year, Sir, is only past, in the history, fourteen months now; and it seems that our wives -- Mrs. Carter and Margaret -- have already met and established a good agenda for the discussions. You and I are only meeting this moment, but I am quite convinced that we will, in a friendly way, rival theirs with achievements, and catch up to their