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LUNCHEON, SAVOY HOTEL - August 22, 1941

Mr. Prime Minister, My Lords and Gentlemen:

I thank you for the honour you have done me;

I recognize that, while the honour is done to me, the tribute is really paid to the people of Canada;

My pleasant task to tell you how united we all are in Canada in our determination to remain to the end at Britain's side;

H.M.'s Govt. in the U.K. has greatest task in the world today: the direction of the efforts of this island at a moment in history when its destiny will decide the destiny of mankind;

Harmonious relations between all governments of British countries in conduct of this war a full vindication of the view that the way of freedom and equality among nations is the way to unity in the British Commonwealth;

Govt. of Canada proud to be associated in complete equality with British Govt. in the prosecution of the war;

Gives me personally much pleasure to have this opportunity to express my own admiration, the admiration of my colleagues and the admiration of all Canada for the magnificent efforts of the free people of Britain directed by a government worthy of free men.

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