

basic policy of a relationship "distinct from but in harmony with" the United States.

North America is not a monolithic whole - economically or politically. Nor do I think it would be in the interest of Europe to deal with a single North American colossus.

Canada's relationship with Europe is not the same as the United States relationship with Europe. There are political, economic, cultural and linguistic elements in our relationship with Europe which are unique.

Perhaps in relative terms our relationship is more important to us than the United States relationship with Europe is to the Americans. Forty-two percent of our immigration continues to come from Europe. Our national fabric is made up of distinctive ethnic groups - many of them European. These have not been assimilated into a Canadian