

move away from stereotypes, whether those stereotypes are about the Americans and about their motivations, or whether they are about proud countries which we can't dismiss simply because they're small.

Now, Mr. Speaker, for anyone interested in the future of Central America, interested in the principles of democracy, this has been a hard day, a hard day for anyone concerned about this hemisphere. It involves a situation which we, in the government, believe is unique. We think, sir, we Canadians have a responsibility to make the most of the new situation which has been created by events in Panama, and that is the intent of this government.