

I think I am right about these alternatives and I know we can be confident about the leadership of the United States. Of course, there are some even in Canada who do not always understand the way your public affairs are managed, and who are anxious at times about what is going to be done next.

No doubt too some of you have periods when you wonder to what extent all your partners can really be depended upon. As I said before, there are in this country and in all free countries some voices preaching what seem to others to be strange doctrines and some who are always painting even stranger pictures of other nations.

But at every crisis in your affairs, you in the United States have shown yourselves capable of mobilizing great moral and material resources to uphold freedom. That has happened more than once to meet situations within your own country. Twice in our generation you have done it to uphold freedom in the world at large. Now never before, not even in 1861 or in 1941, has your role been so decisive or your leadership so important. We in Canada, who are your closest neighbours, know that you have never, in any crisis, failed to uphold the freedom which this nation was founded to preserve. We know you will not fail in this crisis to give our partnership the leadership it must have to uphold the freedom of mankind.

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