

the United States and between Canadians and Americans; each of us as countries clearly have not only the right but the responsibility to articulate our perception of what the world ought to be, and obviously there cannot be - nor should there be - a blind allegiance across the whole range of multilateral questions that each country supports the other on everything. Canadians obviously want to assert their individuality, they want to retain - in multilateral matters, in international matters - their right to disagree with the United States. It says something, however, for the commonality of our beginnings, and for the depth of our mutual conviction to democratic principles, that divergences of views are so rare. In international matters I'd be hard pressed at the moment to identify any issue where there is anything more than subtle differences between us. And I am convinced, as I know your President is, and as I know my colleague Mr. Cyrus Vance is, that Canada and the United States, as blessed as we are in relation to almost all of the rest of the world, must develop leadership beyond even what we have achieved already in terms of resolving the incredible array of problems facing us on this constantly shrinking planet.

That is why Canada for instance, in December, decided to form a nuclear export policy which is ahead of the world, which puts us out in front and puts us, I may say, at considerable risk both economically and politically by saying that we will not supply any nuclear materials to any country that either does not subscribe to the Non-Proliferation Treaty or which is not prepared to accept full-scope safeguards. Happily this was an area in which Canada could display leadership, and other countries we note are moving toward the Canadian position. We welcomed President Carter's comments in this regard just a few days ago, and also the fact that in this, as in so many other things, we had the opportunity for prior consultation and discussion through the meetings of the President and the Prime Minister.

But I don't think we need have any illusions that you in the United States share a quite incredible burden and responsibility. Let me say to you that in the rest of the world when I travel I never miss an opportunity to remind those who tend to carp and to be critical of the United States that there is surely no community of people in the history of mankind that has done more, that has been more outgoing and more generous, and that continues to be of such vital importance to every person alive today, as the United States. And I hope that this continuing effort on my part to reflect the United States to people who don't know it as well as I do, will bear some results.