

"The sources of our good neighbourhood lie deeper. They are found in the faith which illuminates our search for the security and the welfare of our own peoples, and of others as well; in respect for freedom, and for the rights and dignity of individual men and women."

Whether we think of the vast extent of the governmental and non-governmental areas of direct cooperation between our two countries; whether we think of the many international associations in which we share a common partnership and pursue a common goal, we do not need a "Declaration of Interdependence" to emphasize how close we are to one another.

In our time, there is one thing that doesn't change: that is the complexity and the scale of world problems and the size of the stakes for the human race if the efforts to resolve them peacefully should ever be abandoned. That effort depends not only on the wisdom and foresight of national governments, or on the effectiveness of the institutions and techniques for international cooperation which are steadily being evolved. It depends in the last analysis on the degree to which there is a comprehension and understanding among the peoples of the world of the real forces at work in the international community. It can only be sustained by a recognition of the collective responsibility we share in the search for peace, and in the choice of the best means of achieving it.

In reaching the goals you have set for yourself in this vast industrial association, you have pursued the path of collective action. To my mind the approach to peace lies along the same path. You will not be surprised with the ninth session of the General Assembly only two days old if I speak to you today of the organization from which I have just come in New York - the United Nations - an international experiment in the field of collective action which your organization and others like it have a right - and a duty - to examine.

For it is clear that the thoughts and feelings of the people of the United States towards the United Nations and what it is trying to do will in the long run weight more heavily on the scale, and tilt it further towards success or failure than any other single factor. Never in the world's history has a nation had more awesome responsibilities mere abruptly thrust upon it than those which face the people of the United States today. You have come to your position of world leadership with traditions of freedom, of efficiency and of grass roots common sense which enable you to choose your ends with honour and your means with shrewdness and determination. It is of vital importance to all of the world's peoples who now are free, or who seek freedom for the future, that you should continue to let these qualities guide you and should not, in anger or discouragement, fail to make the fullest and best use of the tools which lie to your hand in the struggle for peace.

It is just nine short years since San Francisco's Golden Gate provided a frame for the founding fathers of the United Nations Charter to look beyond the immediate horizon towards the vision of a future safe from global