You can do much to promote the concept — and the reality — of Canada as a state with a vital role to play in building the political, economic and social structures of peace in a world of great change.

## Postcript:

Earlier this afternoon I received a message from President Reagan outlining a new American proposal designed to achieve real reductions in nuclear arms. This development is indeed a positive and welcome step.

While it would be clearly inappropriate for me to discuss any of the details of the President's new proposals, I am pleased that this new USA initiative builds upon common ground and thus should provide a basis for serious and substantive negotiations.