

Last week your Secretary of State spoke to you on the theme of freedom. He spoke of the continuing contest between freedom and coercion in which we are all involved. And he spoke with confidence of the outcome of that contest because of "the commitment of ordinary men and women around the globe" to the cause of freedom. I believe that we, on this North American continent, have particular reason to put our faith in the cause of freedom. For those who have preceded us - explorers, pioneers, settlers and founding fathers - were deeply imbued with that faith. They came in search of freedom and determined to perpetuate it in free societies. We, as their heirs, have a special responsibility to carry forward their legacy; to further the cause of freedom in its widest meaning; and to apply our great resources to the service of that greater freedom within which alone man can attain the full measure of his endowment.

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