

HAS ASSUMED, THE REMARKABLE GENEROSITY IT HAS DISPLAYED AND THE EQUANIMITY WITH WHICH IT CONTINUES TO ENDURE THE HARSH AND OFTEN UNREASONABLE CRITICISM THAT POWER AND LEADERSHIP CANNOT SEEM TO ESCAPE.

OFTEN AROUND THE WORLD I SEE AND HEAR GLARING EXAMPLES OF MAN'S INGRATITUDE AND OF A WIDESPREAD LACK OF COMPREHENSION OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH. THOSE ARE TIMES WHEN IT IS MY PLEASURE TO SEEK TO PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT; TO SAY "THEY'RE OUR NEIGHBORS AND THEY'RE NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL."

CANADA HAS FOLLOWED ITS OWN ROAD TO NATIONHOOD; DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE UNITED STATES BUT IN ITS OWN WAY NO LESS TROUBLED AND DIFFICULT AND NO LESS REWARDING. WE POSSESS TODAY, ON OUR HALF OF THIS NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT, A LAND OF PROUD ACHIEVEMENTS AND OF INCREDIBLE PROMISE. WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE SERIOUSNESS AND MAGNITUDE OF OUR PRESENT PROBLEMS OR OF THE CHALLENGE WE NOW FACE TO OUR NATIONAL UNITY. BUT AMERICANS WHO HAVE WATCHED US FOR SO LONG FROM THEIR SIDE OF THE BORDER WILL KNOW THAT OUR SENSE OF NATIONAL PURPOSE REMAINS STRONG; THAT OUR WILL AND OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE LEGITIMATE THOUGH DIVERSE OBJECTIVES HAS NOT DIMINISHED AND THAT THE DETERMINATION OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CANADIANS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND IN EVERY REGION IS TO BUILD A STRONGER AND EVEN MORE UNITED CANADA.