

with friendly understanding. This intense preoccupation with your policies and practices is perfectly natural because we know that there is no way by which we can escape their consequences, political or economic. If, at times, we may seem to be a little critical or worried, our reactions are the same as yours would be if the positions were reversed.

But if we may at times seem to be anxious about your policies and your power, I can assure you that we would worry far more if you didn't have this power, or if your policies were concerned solely with continental matters.

We are, in short, the junior member of a North American partnership, one which will not be dissolved by Communist blandishment or isolationist timidity. If the junior partner occasionally expresses his own point of view and in the North American idiom, this merely drives home the fact that freedom is the basis and the glory of our partnership; a partnership far removed from the kind of relationship between a communist dictatorial power and its obedient satellites.

In the stormy world of today, that partnership shines as a bright steady beacon of hope and confidence.

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