

Moreover, in contrast with the rest of the world, we keep buying more from you every year. From 1982 to 1985 all U.S. exports grew by less than one-half of one percent. Your exports to Japan grew by less than 8 percent and your exports to the European Community actually fell by 4½ percent. During those same three years your exports to Canada grew by more than 40 percent. In fact, the growth in U.S. exports to Canada over those three years is almost twice the value of your total annual exports to the entire continent of Africa.

Canadian statistics show that during the first 11 months of 1986, U.S. merchandise exports to Canada increased by more than 6 percent, while Canadian exports to this market declined slightly. During the same period your trade balance with the world as a whole deteriorated by almost 25 percent.

The Administration and most of the Congress and U.S. industry all agree that the way to cure the deficit is by increasing exports, in part by obtaining improved access to foreign markets. Well, look at the facts. Canada is where your exports are increasing. Given our record, a free trade arrangement with Canada