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## A POWERFUL AND CONSIDERABLE COMMUNITY

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Perhaps I might apply my professional and intellectual interests to an analysis of conditions in the Canadian Confederation and of our relations with your great Republic. I am speaking not as the formal representative of a government on this occasion but as a Canadian citizen whose own sense of well-being and of satisfaction in a profession function is closely linked to the achievement of the right kind of consensus between the two major groups that compose the Canadian state. I speak also as a Canadian citizen who realizes in how many ways the prosperous and harmonious development of his country depends upon its finding the correct balance between involvement and detachment in relations with the United States under the changing circumstances of continental and world affairs.

There are three major considerations about Canadian affairs, as they may concern other nations, that I should like to stress this evening:

- (1) An emphasis in our recent policy review on the *domestic roots* of foreign policy and on the very tangible economic and social interests of the nation does not indicate a diminishing interest in world affairs generally. It demonstrates an awareness of need for *reform, creativity and the achievement of consensus* between the two major groups in the Canadian state and society, comparable only, perhaps, to the need perceived when the Confederation was first formed a little over 100 years ago. I should say that, in this respect, the mood of the majority of Canadians is one of reaffirmation of loyalty to the Confederation.
- (2) In reviewing Canadian involvement *in world affairs*, we have been concerned to find *the right scale and focus* for that involvement, considering that the international balance of power and relations between individual nations and groups of nations since 1945 have changed a good deal.