

Our strength lies on our easy understanding of each other. We, your friends and allies, recognize that some decisions only the United States can take; equally, however, there are decisions that require consultation and a sharing of responsibilities. At the forthcoming Economic Summit, and elsewhere, we must make greater efforts to coordinate our policies to achieve economic recovery. And at the NATO Summit that follows, we must strive to reinforce the unity of purpose upon which this Alliance was founded.

As a Super-power, the United States has the responsibility of leadership and the means to exercise it. As allies we have a duty not only to support your leadership but also to ensure that your actions take account of the legitimate goals of the other members of the Alliance. As friends, we have a duty to hold up the looking glass in which you see yourselves.

So, I want today to discharge one of my responsibilities and hold up the looking glass for a short while. I want to speak about the need for greater understanding between East and West.

The mood of confrontation that exists today has given rise to an unprecedented level of public anxiety. Our fears are rooted in the perception that both sides may be prepared to contemplate using the ultimate weapon in order to achieve pre-eminence. We