

If only we examine the facts carefully, I believe we will all find that we are not very far apart and that we can agree upon a generally acceptable law of the sea. It is my earnest hope that after careful consideration the great majority of the delegates at this conference will reach agreement in regard to exact figures for the measurement of the contiguous zone and territorial sea. With profound respect for the opinions of representatives of countries much more populous than our own and not forgetting our comparative youth as a nation, we still do hope you may find merit in our proposal that there be a 12-mile contiguous zone in which there is complete national control over fishing and freedom of the seas up to 3 miles from the accepted baselines.

In closing may I once again refer to the great opportunity and the stirring challenge with which we are confronted. Whatever our religious faith may be I am sure each one of us will echo the words of promise that David sang for the comfort of all men. "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Surely that is the hope of the people of every country now meeting here in this lovely city of peace. By agreement within the particular sphere of activities in which we all have a common interest, we may well help create a new and refreshing atmosphere that will dispel the clouds of cynicism which have darkened our path and give to all of us a spirit of understanding and good will upon which alone can be built that just and lasting peace which is the fervent hope of all mankind.

---

S/C