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NOTES FOR AN ADDRESS BY AMBASSADOR J.H. WARREN

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I WAS DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT TOM BURN'S INVITATION OF LAST SPRING TO LEAD OFF TODAY'S DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY MAY AFFECT CANADIAN EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES. LITTLE DID WE KNOW AT THE TIME THAT THIS WOULD TURN OUT TO BE MY MTN SWAN SONG; THERE IS A HINT OF WINTER IN THE AIR; THE GEESE HAVE FLOWN SOUTH AND NOW IT IS MY TIME TO GO. TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, THE DOORS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CANADIAN COORDINATOR CLOSE TODAY. I AM GLAD THAT THIS, MY LAST ADDRESS, SHOULD BE BEFORE THE CANADIAN EXPORT ASSOCIATION WITH WHOSE MEMBERS I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK OVER SO MANY YEARS.

THE PAST TWO-AND-A-QUARTER YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN WITHAL "ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS". MIDNIGHT OIL AND ELBOW GREASE HAVE BOTH BEEN CALLED FOR. THERE HAVE BEEN TOUGH MOMENTS - NOT ONLY IN GENEVA, BUT ALSO HERE IN OTTAWA AS DIFFICULT CHOICES HAD TO BE MADE ABOUT CANADIAN MTN POSITIONS. BUT LOOKING BACK AND CONSIDERING THE RESULTS, I SENSE ON BALANCE