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Ottawa - Arrival - Airport

EVENT

3/10 - Tuesday

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OTTAWA - ARRIVAL - AIRPORT: MARCH 10, 1981

YOUR EXCELLENCIES,

NANCY AND I ARE HAPPY TO BE HERE. ONE CAN RECEIVE NO WARMER GREETING THAN THE HEARTFELT WELCOME OF A TRUSTED FRIEND. AND, YES, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF CANADA ARE MORE THAN GOOD NEIGHBORS; WE ARE GOOD FRIENDS.

WE CITIZENS OF NORTH AMERICA, WHILE RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL IDENTITIES ARE, WITHOUT QUESTION, FRIENDS THAT CAN BE COUNTED UPON. WHETHER IN TIMES OF TRIAL AND INSECURITY,

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OR IN TIMES OF PEACE AND COMMERCE, OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS NEVER WEAKENED. THE FAITH BETWEEN US HAS NEVER WAVERED.

WE EACH PLAY A SEPARATE AND IMPORTANT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. WE HAVE ECONOMIC INTERESTS THAT BIND US IN COOPERATION, AND, IN SOME CASES, PUT US IN COMPETITION. THESE SEPARATE ROLES ARE RESPECTED BY OUR TWO PEOPLES AND HAVE NEVER DIMINISHED THE HARMONY BETWEEN US.

I HOPE THIS VISIT WILL MAKE CLEAR MY COMMITMENT, AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

WHETHER IN TRADE, OR DEFENSE, OR PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, OUR TWO NATIONS SHALL CONTINUE THIS UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN THE ENVY OF THE WORLD -- A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS ENHANCED THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND THE FREEDOM OF OUR PEOPLE. LET US CONTINUE. AND LET US MOVE FORWARD. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU.

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I hope this visit will make clear my commitment, as President of the United States, to work in close cooperation with the Prime *Government* Minister of Canada.

Whether in trade, or defense, or protection of our environment and natural resources, our two ~~N~~^Nations shall continue this unique relationship that has been the envy of the world -- a relationship that has enhanced the standard of living and the freedom of our people. Let us continue. And let us move forward. It is a great pleasure to be here with you. X

(Rohrabacher/KK)

March 6, 1981

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(Rohrabacher) K.K.

March 4, 1981
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Your Excellency^{us,} ~~and ladies and gentlemen.~~

~~My~~^{My} wife and I are happy to be here. ~~Your welcome is most~~
~~gratifying.~~ One can receive no warmer greeting than the
heartfelt welcome of a trusted friend. And, yes, we the ~~citizens~~^{people}
of the United States and of Canada are more than good neighbors;
we are good friends.

This is my first foreign visit since taking office. This
should underscore a reality that is of such significance that
it should never be overlooked. Yet, it is of such magnitude
that rarely, except on occasions such as this, is it verbalized.
It is as important today as it has ever been.

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~~I have come to say:~~ Your friendship will not be taken lightly by my government. I hope this visit will make clear my commitment, as President of the United States, to work in close consultation and cooperation with the Prime Minister of Canada.

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PROPOSED STATEMENT

Arrival at Ottawa Airport

Excellency: My wife and I are happy to be here. It is clear from the warmth of this welcome that we are guests of very special neighbors and good friends.

I wanted to come to Canada on my first foreign visit after taking office in order to make clear beyond any doubt the importance that I attach to close relations between our two countries. How could it be otherwise? Canada is an essential member of the western alliance and a bastion of democratic values and human freedom. Canada plays a vital role in international affairs. I hope this visit will make clear my commitment to close consultation and cooperation between the United States and Canada in the years ahead.

Excellency, I am looking forward to meeting with the Government of Canada as the first step in establishing the close consultative relationship which I will strive to maintain throughout my Administration.

Let me say once again how very pleased we are to be in Canada.

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