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OTTAWA - ARRIVAL - PARLIAMENT HILL: MARCH 10, 1981

MR. PRIME MINISTER, MR. SPEAKER OF THE SENATE, MADAM SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY NOT ONLY TO HEAR SUCH WARM WORDS OF WELCOME BUT ALSO TO APPRECIATE -- THROUGH A VISITOR'S EYES -- THESE SPLENDID HALLS OF GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS SAID ONCE OF THIS PLACE THAT IT "GRASPS AND MATERIALIZES THE BEAUTY OF CANADA, THE VASTNESS OF ITS LANDS, ITS LONELINESS, ITS YOUTH AND ITS HOPE."

YET PARLIAMENT HILL IS MORE THAN AN IMPOSING SYMBOL OF YOUR NATION; IT IS ALSO A LANDMARK OF THE NEW WORLD, A MONUMENT TO

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THE RIGHT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT AND THE VALUE OF HUMAN FREEDOM.

THIS BELIEF IN SELF-RULE AND THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL SPRINGS FROM A COMMON HERITAGE THAT FORMS THE BACKDROP FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

NOW, MR. PRIME MINISTER, THERE IS IMPORTANT WORK ON THE AGENDA BEFORE US -- IMPROVING OUR TRADE, PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, SAFEGUARDING OUR FREEDOM.

BUT BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR PUBLIC BUSINESS, I DID WANT TO ADDRESS ONE OTHER MATTER BETWEEN US THAT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH EARLY ON.

YOU WILL REMEMBER - A LITTLE WHILE BACK WHEN OUR NATIONAL TROUBLES WERE WIDELY KNOWN -- A JOURNALIST PENNED A TESTIMONY TO OUR COUNTRY THAT WAS ENTITLED, SIMPLY, "LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE U.S."

IT SPOKE WITH GREAT AFFECTION ABOUT PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES -- THEIR GENEROSITY, THEIR INNER STRENGTH.

THAT TESTIMONY WAS REPRINTED MANY TIMES IN MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS, PLAYED ON RADIO STATIONS AND EVEN IN NIGHTCLUBS IN MY COUNTRY.

IT TOUCHED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEEPLY THAT ANYONE SHOULD THINK SO KINDLY OF US. BUT I DO NOT THINK IT SURPRISED US TO LEARN

THAT THE JOURNALIST WHO WROTE THOSE VERY KIND WORDS WAS NOT AN AMERICAN, BUT A CANADIAN.

AND SO, MR. PRIME MINISTER, BEFORE WE DISCUSS THE OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS BEFORE US, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OCCASION NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF STATE BUT TO SPEAK -- FROM THE HEART TO THE HEART -- TO SAY TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE: THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES DO NOT MERELY VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP; WE CHERISH IT. WE ARE HERE TODAY NOT JUST TO SEEK FRIENDLY TIES WITH A NEIGHBORING NATION AND A WORLD POWER, BUT TO STRENGTHEN INSTEAD THE DEEP, UNBENDING BONDS OF TRUST BETWEEN OLD AND DEVOTED FRIENDS.

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March 6, 1981

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~~The value of the individual~~
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PROPOSED STATEMENT

Arrival at Parliament Buildings

Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker of the Senate, Madam
Speaker of the House:

Your kind words make me feel very welcome, and these splendid Parliament buildings remind me how important our common democratic tradition is to the close historic ties between Canada and the United States.

I am glad to be visiting Canada on my first trip outside the United States as President, because the relationship between our countries is unique. Bonds between our people exist at all levels and encompass the full range of human endeavor. We share fundamental commitments to human dignity and personal freedom. Millions of our countrymen cross our common border annually, and our bilateral trade is unmatched.

I know that Americans and Canadians feel at home on either side of the border. But none of us is about to forget the important distinctions that give each nation its own identity. As our national interests sometimes diverge, it is not surprising that our policies sometimes differ at home or in the international arena. However, our differences are seldom major or fundamental, and they do not divide us.

Prime Minister, we must deal today with a large number of mutual concerns, some of which involve complex questions which will not be resolved overnight. But I am confident that, if we explore the issues with the good will and frankness that has marked US-Canadian relations, answers can be found which will be satisfactory and beneficial to both countries.