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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *af*

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PRESIDENTIAL TOAST IN HONOR OF

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1974

MR. PRIME MINISTER, GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME ~~YOU HERE~~ AS THE LEADER  
OF A NATION WE HOLD IN DEEP RESPECT AND FOND AFFECTION. I AM  
ALSO VERY PLEASED IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR US TO ARRANGE OUR  
MEETING AT THIS EARLY DATE. IT UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE THAT  
WE IN THE UNITED STATES ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH CANADA.

WE SHARE A PEACEFUL BORDER AS EXEMPLARY AS IT IS

EXTENSIVE.

AS FRIENDS, AS ALLIES AND AS TRADING PARTNERS WE

HAVE MANY TIES.

THE BONDS' BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE STRONG

AND REFLECT OUR TRADITIONALLY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY ASSOCIATION AS

FREE PEOPLES.

COMING FROM MICHIGAN, I KNOW THE U.S.-CANADIAN BORDER

WELL.

CROSSING THAT BORDER MARKED MY FIRST FOREIGN TRIP.

AND I HAVE SPENT MANY HAPPY HOURS SKIING IN THE CANADIAN

*Mount Tremblant / St. Jerome*

LAURENTIANS. MR. PRIME MINISTER, I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY

PASSION FOR SKIING AND FOR MANY OTHER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

IN FACT, I BELIEVE IT IS A SAFE ASSUMPTION THAT WE ARE THE ONLY

TWO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EVER TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ON TRAMPOLINES

IN THE SAME YEAR. AS NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS, THERE IS AN

INFORMALITY IN OUR ASSOCIATION WHICH LETS US ASSESS OUR COMMON

INTERESTS AND CONCERNS WITH AN EASE UNIQUE IN THE CONDUCT OF

FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IT IS, THEREFORE, MOST APPROPRIATE THAT OUR

FIRST MEETING SHOULD BE A WORKING VISIT.

AS IS OFTEN THE CASE WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, WE HAVE  
OUR ~~HONEST~~ DIFFERENCES. AT THE SAME TIME, MR. PRIME MINISTER,  
WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF DISAGREEING WITHOUT BEING  
DISAGREEABLE, OF RESOLVING DIFFERENCES BY DISCUSSION AND  
NEGOTIATION. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO  
CONTINUING THAT TRADITION AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN  
U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONS.

IN OUR MEETING EARLIER TODAY, WE REAFFIRMED THE  
COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TO COOPERATE FULLY IN  
MEETING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE BEFORE US.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, OUR GOVERNMENTS SIGNED THE DECLARATION ON  
ATLANTIC RELATIONS, MARKING THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF NATO. THAT

DECLARATION PROVIDES A FRESH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR THE ALLIANCE --

AN ALLIANCE WHICH PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN OUR EFFORTS TO FURTHER

DETENTE AND THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE.

AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK FOR PEACE, THE PROBLEMS OF

FINANCE, OF ENERGY, OF FOOD AND RESOURCES WILL REQUIRE OUR MOST

CAREFUL ATTENTION AND THAT OF ALL NATIONS IF THEY ARE TO BE DEALT

WITH IN OUR BEST INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IT IS

IMPORTANT, THEN, THAT OUR TWO NATIONS -- BOTH HIGHLY

INDUSTRIALIZED, BOTH CULTURALLY AND SOCIALLY ATTUNED, BOTH

SIMILARLY MOTIVATED -- SHOULD WORK TOGETHER IN CLOSE

CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION.



MR. PRIME MINISTER, A FEW WEEKS AGO, I MET WITH YOUR  
AMBASSADOR TO RECEIVE A SET OF OLYMPIC COINS COMMEMORATING THE  
FORTHCOMING MONTREAL OLYMPICS. I NOTED THEN THAT THE OLYMPICS  
WOULD BE TAKING PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE UNITED STATES  
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION -- AND THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES COULD LOOK  
FORWARD TO MANY, MANY VISITORS BACK-AND-FORTH ACROSS OUR BORDERS.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS PROSPECT WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE.

AND NOW, TO EXPRESS OUR GREAT FRIENDSHIP TO YOU,  
MR. PRIME MINISTER, AND TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE, I RAISE MY  
GLASS IN TOAST TO THE QUEEN OF CANADA.

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