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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

TOAST FOR PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1976

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MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WITH US IN WASHINGTON.

OUR TALKS TODAY, AS IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN DISTINGUISHED

BY THE QUALITIES OF FRIENDSHIP, INFORMALITY AND OPENNESS

THAT COME SO NATURALLY TO CANADIANS AND AMERICANS.

SINCE 1974, YOU AND I HAVE DEVELOPED A PATTERN
OF CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS -- CONSULTATIONS PERHAPS UNEQUALLED
BY OUR PREDECESSORS -- ON THE BROAD RANGE OF INTERESTS
OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHARE. THE RESULT HAS BEEN POSITIVE.
FROM THIS I TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION.

THIS HEALTHY PATTERN OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IS TAKING PLACE
IN THE BROADER, STEADILY IMPROVING PATTERN OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG
THE MEMBERS OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND AMONG THE INDUSTRIALIZED
DEMOCRACIES OF THE WEST. IN THIS BROADER CONTEXT,
I ATTACH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO CANADA'S PARTICIPATION
IN THE SUMMIT IN PUERTO RICO TWO WEEKS FROM NOW.

WE SHARE THE PROSPECT OF A MOST PROMISING FUTURE FOR OUR PEOPLES.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I WISH AGAIN TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE
FOR CANADA'S VERY GENEROUS GIFTS AND VERY WELCOME PARTICIPATION
IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

THE BOOK / "BETWEEN FRIENDS" / HIGHLIGHTS IN MOST HANDSOME DETAIL

THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONSHIP

AND THE MAGNIFICENT BOUNDARY WE SHARE. AS YOU MAY RECALL,

I DREW ATTENTION TO OUR BORDER AND TO THE TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH

BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES IN MY ADDRESS TO THE HELSINKI SUMMIT

LAST YEAR.

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WE ARE PLEASED THAT SO MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN CANADA
ARE VISITING THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR, AND MANY AMERICANS
ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MONTREAL OLYMPICS NEXT MONTH.
1976 IS A VERY SPECIAL YEAR TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

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I RAISE MY GLASS TO YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER,
AND TO OUR GREAT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, THE PEOPLE OF CANADA.

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