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SECRETARY KISSINGER:

President Fellers, President-Elect Walsh, Ladies and Gentlemen: I wonder if any of you have commented on the tableau we present today; - an American Secretary of State addressing an assemblage of distinguished American attorneys on American attitudes towards international law in a foreign country; - that this meeting should take place in Montreal with no hint of the inappropriate testifies to the understanding, mutual respect and cooperation which surround the vast network of interconnections between the United States and Canada to an extent virtually without parallel among sovereign nations.

Our meeting here today is also witness to the openness of Canadian society and to its respect for open debate and honest differences. On several issues I will discuss today, Canadian and American positions are not identical, but the differences between us in the realm of international law and cooperation runs only to details. The Canadian commitment to international cooperation in all areas and on a global scale is second to none. United States shares this commitment and has welcomed the cooperation of Canada as we work towards common goals. I wish to acknowledge this kindred spirit as we benefit from Canadian hospitality today.

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