CHAIRMEN’S CLOSING REMARKS

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Jaime Serra, Mexican Group Chair and North American Deputy Chair

ALLAN GOTLIEB: Last word, let me say on behalf of the Canadian group who have had the honor of hosting it here, I want to thank you for your grand participation.

I think it's a testimony to the success of our discussions is that, at this late hour in this meeting of two days, most of the seats are filled in this room. I'm impressed by that and I really like to thank all of you for your participation, and for your occasions, and even for your powers of endurance.

There's been a lot of substance, and a lot of information, and I'm very, very pleased that we've had such a fine turnout from Canada, from the United States, and from Mexico.

I thank the Secretariat too, Mike O'Neil and the American office, for having done a fantastic job, and Peter Dobell on this last day, today, as director of the Canadian office and his colleagues. Thank you very much, all of you, for making this, I may be prejudiced, but I think quite a fascinating meeting.

JOSEPH NYE: I'll just add a very short note, which is to thank Allan for being such a wonderful host. Our Canadians have always taken very good care of us on all our visits.

I found this an extraordinarily interesting meeting. There have been several things where I've had to actually change my mind because of what I've learned here, so I think this is a tribute to you.

But I also want to say thanks, say how much we appreciate the work that Mike O'Neil does, and Mary Valder and Sue Ellen Parrott, we've been very, very fortunate to have such good support. It makes it all look easy and it's not, but at least from the point of view of chairs like Allan and me, it is easy because there are so many very good people doing what's hard.

And then finally, let me just say something that I mentioned when we had dinner on Friday night, how lucky we are to have David Rockefeller here, and how lucky we are that his vision and imagination brought us here. So, David, thank you.

JAIME SERRA: On behalf of the Mexican group we'd like to thank Allan and the Canadian hosts. It has been a great weekend. We have some new members in the group, and I think they are very happy to join us.

The organizers were tremendous as usual. Everything was perfect. And I'd like to recognize the panel on Cuba that, I think, did a wonderful job. Thank you.
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