

status. No one is thinking of that. But we're thinking about integrating those things that can be integrated, and that is enough to produce a reasonable basis for an overall European foreign policy.

Now, if we succeed in doing that - and this won't happen overnight - the question is, shall we continue to move in the right direction? If we succeed in doing that, the time might come that we could realize the plans that have, from your side, been mentioned once or twice. And lastly, I believe that your President, Mr. Kennedy, in his 4th of July speech last year, suggested what is now known as the "Grand Design," an Atlantic Community of two equal partners, The United States and Canada on one hand, and on the other an organized politically United Europe. This would then create conditions in Europe itself which would allow them to present themselves as an equal partner of yours.

Today your natural advantages, and, of course, your natural resources, play a very great part in that. But the fact that you have this American Common Market between 50 states has allowed you to build up over the years a productive capacity which outranks that of Europe. Your gross national product today in the United States in 1962 was something in the nature - if I remember correctly; I lost my notes this morning and so I must do this from memory - I think it was in the nature of \$550 billion.

In 1962 the gross national product in Free Europe was something like \$280 billion, 40% of yours. Well, why is that so? There may be various reasons, but I believe that one of the reasons is that you have acted for the last 150 years as a Common Market. In this country you