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Statement from the Press Secretary

On the 28th of December, 2019, President Trump met with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to discuss various issues that are not conducive to a strong US-Canadian friendship. By the end of the meeting we believe that the ties between our two nations have strengthened.

There was discussion over the ownership of the Northwest Passage. The President made it clear that the passage should not be claimed by the United States or Canada. He further recommended that the two nations could use it for defense against hostile nations in the future, if it was necessary.

The Canadian Prime Minister then transitioned into Climate Change as it is the very reason for the existence of the Northwest Passage. The President and Prime Minister agreed that the two nations must act on this issue and that they should protect the Arctic from further deterioration and stop Chinese and Russian activities in the Arctic. The two leaders agreed that economics can not come before human lives when speaking about Climate Change policies, however the President made it clear that most Climate Change prevention policies should be economically affordable.

The two leaders agreed that our nations must seek to end the growing influence of China and Russia in Asia and Europe.

The leaders wished each other well and the President commented on the strong relationship that our two nations have. They wished each other a Happy New Year and the state visit was concluded.

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