Talking Points
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1. **Do recognize USA’s Qualities/Strengths**
   - Economy
   - Arts
   - Academics
   - Science
   - Military
   - USA is a benign neighbour, to Canada

2. **Don’t Be Anti-American; anti-Americanism is counterproductive**
   - Many Americas; no monolith
   - USA is a target
   - USA is also profoundly divided
   - No prospective counterweight

3. **Do Be Circumspect About American Foreign Policy Power**
   - **Big Country = Big Successes**
     -- WW I
     -- Korea
     -- Containment/Defeat of Communism
     -- Iraq Stability in NW Pacific
   - **But also Big Mistakes**
     - Iran
     - Chile
     - Central America, Dominican Repub.
     - Vietnam
     - Iraq II; see Colin Powell
4. Don’t Blame Canada

- Neo-Cons -- radical; ignore Celucci
- No conspiracy --New American Century Project
- Iraq war; lies my uncle told me; Richard Perle on Soviet weapons
- New U.S. National Security doctrine is dangerous
  - Also anathema to Canadian interests

5. Don’t expect Beanbag; do expect beanball and brushbacks

- Complaints about PH; removal of Chilean, Mexican, Costa Rican and Mauritius Ambs.
  - Pressure on Germans, others

6. Do Manage Relations

- Don’t let matters just take their course
- Cabinet Committee on US

7. Do Understand What Works With Washington

- An effective foreign policy gets respect
- Sycophants get taken for granted
- But, limits -- French—psychotic reaction
- Subjecting foreign policy to bilateral problems undermines both

8. Do Invest in Personal Diplomacy

- 24 Hours
• But good relations are exception

9. Do Communicate

10. Do Make Own Decisions

• Choice vs Price