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MEMBER OF THE PRESS: You are not looking for support for the Federalist position?

MINISTER LALONDE: Oh, I think the support for the Federalist position is there, whether we come or not. This is a Federal Country. In the United States, I think there is a great deal of support for Federalism as a form of government in the United States, and there is great support--for Canada as a unified Country--in the United States.

I don't know of any -- again -- identifiable movement in the United States -- in the media, in the Administration, or in the public at large -- that would prefer to see Canada break up.

So, you know, I am not concerned and, as a Federal government, we are not concerned about the Parti Quebecois' attitude of Federal government, or Federal institutions, vis-a-vis the future of Canada. We are convinced that there is strong support for a Federal form of Government--and a United Canada.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Supposing that your scenario -- which, I take it, is envisioning an evolutionary process -- that this problem will eventually be solved in a peaceful way, and Quebec will remain and get more satisfied with the rest of Canada in working with it; supposing it does not turn out: