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for industry but not for the government? Why does the minister not admit his colossal failure and fold up this organization?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member's supplementary question has evolved into a speech and I would not think that is in order.

**Mr. Hees:** It was a search for information, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think that in fairness the Chair should recognize the hon. member for Joliette. I interrupted him on a supplementary a little while ago, on the understanding that I would return to him eventually. The hon. member for Joliette.

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[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****AGREEMENT WITH CUBA RESPECTING LENGTH OF STAY OF KIDNAPPERS**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

During negotiations between Cuba and Canada for the safe-conduct of Mr. Cross' kidnappers, have the governments come to any conclusion with regard to the length of time the Cuban government would be committed to protect these kidnappers on Cuban soil? Further, can we consider that this exile or this punishment prohibits the kidnappers from ever coming back to Canada?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, in answer to the first part of the question may I say there is no time limit. The Cuban government agreed to receive the kidnappers under safe conduct from us. With regard to the question about whether they can return, if they do return they will be prosecuted for the crime of kidnapping, and perhaps for other crimes. I do not know how I can say that they will never return, but if they do they will be prosecuted.

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**NATIONAL SECURITY****AVAILABILITY OF EVIDENCE FOR FUTURE PROSECUTION OF KIDNAPPERS NOW IN CUBA**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Justice assure the House that if these alleged kidnappers or terrorists now in Cuba return to Canada in 10 or 15 years there will be evidence available upon which to base a successful prosecution?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I can say to the Leader of the Opposition that there is no statute of limitations applying to the offence of kidnapping. I cannot say whether evidence would still be available after a hypothetical period of time. However, I am discussing with the Attorney General of Quebec the

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possibility of laying charges so that they will remain in effect if and when these gentlemen should ever return to Canada.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Would the Minister of Justice explain why the government is giving the assurance that if the terrorists do return to Canada they will be prosecuted when the minister is unable to give an assurance that evidence will be available?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Translation]

**MEASURES TO PREVENT MURDERERS OF PIERRE LAPORTE LEAVING CANADA—EXTENT OF WARRANTS FOR ARREST**

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the hon. Minister of Justice.

Since Canadian border guards have received specific instructions as well as photographs and detailed descriptions of the seven persons who obtained safe-conduct for Cuba, to cope with the possibility of Mr. James Richard Cross kidnappers returning, can the minister tell us whether he has also taken steps to prevent the murderers of Mr. Laporte from leaving Canada?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I believe it is somewhat difficult to give a precise reply to the hon. member's question.

At any rate, replying to the question on the same situation previously put by the hon. member for Calgary North—

[English]

Warrants for the arrest of Paul Rose, Jacques Rose and François Simard have been issued by the proper authorities in the province of Quebec. Charges have been laid against Paul Rose for kidnapping, against Jacques Rose for conspiracy to kidnap and against François Simard for conspiracy to kidnap. The existence of these warrants has been made known to police forces across Canada, any of which is empowered to effect the arrest of these persons. All police forces in this country will do their best to apprehend these three men.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** In light of this new information—and I am not making anything of that—and in light of the answer of the minister, was there something about not seeking to extradite in the deal that was made? If there was not, I do not see any reason why the minister would not say so and why extradition would not be used. If there was nothing to this effect in the deal, I would ask the minister to take a look at it.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I think the question put to me by the hon. member for Compton related to the murder of Pierre Laporte. There was nothing in the negotiations involving safe passage of the people who are now in Cuba that related to the alleged murderers of Pierre Laporte, and nothing in that