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QUEBEC CITY,

MARCH 12, 1970

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE P.E. TRUDEAU,
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA,
OTTAWA.

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER:

I AM REPLYING AT ONCE TO YOUR TELEGRAM, RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON,
WHICH DEALS WITH QUEBEC'S PARTICIPATION AT THE NIAMEY CONFERENCE.

I AM PLEASED TO NOTE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES
WE WISH TO SEE RESPECTED, AND WHICH I OUTLINED IN MY TELEGRAM OF LAST TUESDAY.
FOR THE MOMENT, I WILL NOT REFER TO CERTAIN ASSERTIONS IN YOUR LETTER THAT
SEEM TO ME TO WARRANT COMMENT. I SHALL HAVE OCCASION TO RETURN TO THEM LATER.

I AM THUS PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT QUEBEC WILL PARTICIPATE IN
THIS CONFERENCE. I AM ACCORDINGLY ASKING M. CLAUDE MORIN, THE DEPUTY MINISTER
OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO
SETTLE THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS THAT MAY STILL BE OUTSTANDING.

I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH THE LETTERS AND (TELEX) MESSAGES WE HAVE
EXCHANGED ON THIS MATTER SINCE THE MONTH OF JANUARY. I DO NOT THINK YOU
WOULD OBJECT TO SUCH A PROPOSAL. WOULD YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO CONFIRM YOUR
AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT.

YOURS, ETC.

J.-J. BERTRAND.