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1 wishes about it--and put on a brave face in the face of this--  
2 but I am sure this is something that is not helping his  
3 cause.

4 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: As a follow-up, does this  
5 mean that Mr. Levesque will try to push his referendum  
6 earlier than would otherwise be the case?

7 MINISTER LALONDE: I would wish that that would  
8 be the case. We have been pressing him to have his  
9 referendum as soon as possible, because of developments like  
10 this. As long as uncertainties are going to be entertained  
11 and maintained, they are going to have negative effects, on  
12 Quebec, in connection with Quebec's economy.

13 I think more and more people are realizing this;  
14 but it does not seem that he is going to be in a position  
15 to have his referendum before some time next year. I am  
16 afraid that we will still have to live for a year in that  
17 atmosphere.

18 MR. FEICHTLBAUER: You mentioned the influence  
19 of the de Gaulle statement. When Mr. Levesque was in  
20 Paris, he was received by President Giscard d'Estaing.

21 What does the Government of Canada do to talk to  
22 the Government of France, in order to at least get a little  
23 more understanding--if not support?

24 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, we have good and regular  
25 contacts with the Government of France. Our Embassy is in