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1 of the institutions, private and public, to the type of  
2 socio-economic revolution that has taken place, and that  
3 adjustment, in my opinion, will take a few years.

4 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Lalonde, may I  
5 ask you about one of the Foreign Policy articles -- one  
6 that presented a pretty distressing picture of the  
7 strategic implementations.

8 MINISTER LALONDE: Right.

9 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Do you share that view?  
10 Is that a realistic assessment?

11 The premise, of course, is based on the  
12 assumption that Quebec becomes independent and probably  
13 collaborates, in one way or another, with Russia; or at  
14 least denies the United States certain access to  
15 facilities; and, also, adopts a hostile stance.

16 Is that at all realistic?

17 MINISTER LALONDE: I don't think so!

18 You know, you can make a theoretical analysis  
19 and conclude that this would be a possibility. But, frankly,  
20 I don't think it is very realistic, would it be only  
21 for the fact that I don't think that the rest of North  
22 America would tolerate such a development to take place--  
23 even for its own security.

24 So it is a kind of a dark scenario which I  
25 don't think the United States would even allow to develop,