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IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR MEETING TOMORROW AT 11:00, HERE IS THE TEXT OF OUR COUNTER-PROPOSAL. I HAVE DIVIDED IT IN TWO: 1 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIAMEY CONFERENCE AND 2 - AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE AGENCY FOR COOPERATION. THE PRESENT PROPOSAL IS A FOLLOW UP TO THE ONE WHICH YOU SENT ME LAST WEEK.

I AM SENDING IT TO YOU TODAY SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT BEFORE OUR MEETING TOMORROW. I SHALL HAVE TYPED COPIES OF IT.

CLAUDE MORIN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OF QUEBEC

TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL:

1 - COMMENTS ON THE AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, NIAMEY, MARCH 1970.

1. QUEBEC WILL DELEGATE A MINISTER TO THE NIAMEY CONFERENCE WHO WILL ACT AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION.

THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO THE QUEBEC DELEGATES, FEDERAL DELEGATES, DELEGATES FROM THE OTHER PROVINCES, IF ANY, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISERS FROM THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION.

2. A MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE HELD BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR NIAMEY.