

1 they would like it?

2 MINISTER LALONDE: The other Provinces have
3 exactly the same rights as Quebec has, at the present time,
4 under the Constitution. Quebec has no greater right than
5 any other Province, in the area of external relations.
6 It has decided to develop it in a certain way, compared to
7 other ways.

8 MR. TATU: Would you like that to be used, really,
9 more than it is now?

10 MINISTER LALONDE: If all of the Provinces were to
11 press the limits of their activities in Foreign Relations
12 as far as Quebec has been doing it, and with as little coop-
13 eration of the Federal Government as it has, I think it would
14 be very detrimental for the unity of the Country. It would
15 be very difficult to run our Foreign Relations as a Country
16 and to have a consistent Foreign Policy.

17 So it is not so much the question of the rights
18 to do this, or that. It is the way in which it is being
19 exercised.

20 So, in terms of Foreign Relations, we have always
21 taken the view that the Provinces could do a lot in terms
22 of contacts with Foreign Countries in the areas of their
23 own jurisdiction, but it should be done in a certain way
24 inside of the Federal System.

25 We have published a Statement of Policy in that
respect several years ago; and it still holds.