

1 and from their local Federal offices if there were enough
2 people of the minority language to be entitled to get the
3 service -- to be worth providing the service.

4 We have never had the intention of providing
5 French services in a small community in Northern British
6 Columbia, where you have no French people--any more than we
7 want to provide service in English in every small Post Office
8 in Quebec; in a village where 99% of the population is
9 French!

10 That has never been our policy or our plan, but
11 it has been misinterpreted in that way--very often.

12 MR. TATU: What do you think should be--or could
13 be--the attitude of the United States towards these problems
14 in Canada--since you are a neighbor?

15 Is there an attitude which you would like?

16 What is the most helpful attitude you would like
17 from the United States?

18 MINISTER LALONDE: I think the most helpful
19 attitude from the United States is the one they have followed
20 up to now: that this was a matter for the Canadians to
21 decide. But, clearly, there is no doubt in anybody's
22 mind that the sympathy of the American Government--and of
23 the American people--is in support of a United Canada, and a
24 Federal system in Canada. The United States people are
25 living under a Federal system. They know what it is. They