

21. The arrangement would cause some loss in French-speaking seats. Even if this loss was quite considerable it would still leave the Liberal party with a substantial following of French-speaking members and would leave it the only party having support from all parts of Canada, the only national party. It should go all out for a campaign for national unity on the basis of a better understanding of Canada's position and responsibilities.
22. If this policy, with such modifications as may be desirable, is acceptable to the Government, the Government should meet the members of the Party and go all out to make this policy work and make it acceptable. We should take the aggressive in the House and throughout the country. If this is kept confidential until announced by the Prime Minister and then is supported by every possible means, we should be able to capture the initiative and produce a wave of relief throughout the country at avoiding an issue the seriousness of which many people consciously or unconsciously recognized.
23. It is again emphasized that this policy should be kept strictly secret until announced by the Prime Minister in a speech which should follow the tabling of the correspondence, subject only to this, that during the morning before the speech was made, the Prime Minister should meet the Quebec members alone or with the members and explain to them the issues and the alternative.

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