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AFFECTS ALL PROVINCES, NOT/NOT ANY ONE IN PARTICULAR.

QUESTION:... THAT FAMOUS NOTE TO PARIS: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER IT WAS PREPARED BY YOUR DEPT OR THE CABINET AND SECONDLY, WHETHER IT WAS SIGNED BY YOU OR MR TRUDEAU.

MR SHARP: THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND PART IS THAT IT WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE AMBASSADOR IN THE CUSTOMARY WAY... HE WILL BE PRESENTING AS THE CDN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE... THE MSG WAS DISCUSSED, AS SUCH THINGS ARE, IN THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE AND IN MY OFFICE BECAUSE THIS IS THE ORDINARY WAY THESE THINGS ARE DONE, AND AS A SUBJ OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE, OF COURSE IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WIDELY AMONG THE MINISTERS.

QUESTION: ON THE SAME THING-WEVE NOW GOT THREE POINTS: THE GABON NOTE WAS SIGNED BY MR MARTIN; OUR RELATIONS WITH GABON ARE STILL SUSPENDED, AND WE ARE NOT/NOT GOING TO MAKE THIS NOTE PUBLIC. IS THIS TREATING BIG AND SMALL NATIONS ALIKE?

MR SHARP: NO/NO, I DONT REALLY THINK SO. IF YOU LOOK BACK AT THE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE TIME OF THE GABON INCIDENT, YOU'LL SEE THAT AFTER PUTTING OUR VIEWS CLEARLY ON THE RECORD, WE SIMPLY INDICATED THAT OUR AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE WOULD NOT/NOT THEN PROCEED WITH THE PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS. THERE IS NO/NO AUTOMATIC RESPONSE TO SITUATIONS IN DIPLOMACY; THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE TWO CASES BETWEEN GABON AND THE MSG THAT IS NOW BEING SENT DIFFER-FOR EXAMPLE WE HAVE A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN FRANCE AND THEREFORE THE QUESTION OF PRESENTING CREDENTIALS DOESNT

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