

# MESSAGE

DATE	FILE / DOSSIER	SECURITY SECURITE
MAR13/70		

FM/DE

NO

PRECEDENCE

TO/A THE HONOURABLE JEAN-JACQUES BERTRAND,  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, QUEBEC. (QUEBEC)

URGENT

INFO

**REF**

**SUB/SUJ**

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF MARCH 12 INFORMING ME THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE NIAMEY CONFERENCE.

2. I AM DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER. CANADA'S INTERESTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF QUEBEC, WILL BENEFIT THEREBY. NEEDLESS TO SAY, AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IS CONCERNED, OUR AGREEMENT ON THE AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE CHANGES MADE ON MARCH 12, IS BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN MY TELEGRAM OF THAT DATE.

3. AS YOU KNOW, SINCE OUR LAST EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS OUR OFFICIALS HAVE WORKED OUT THE DETAILS OF THE FINAL TEXT OF OUR AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS. I AM ATTACHING THE TEXT OF THOSE ARTICLES THAT WERE AMENDED FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSIONS. I TAKE IT THAT MY TELEGRAM OF MARCH 12, AS AMENDED IN THE LIGHT OF TODAY'S TELEGRAM, ESTABLISHES THE FINAL VERSION OF THOSE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. ARTICLE I.A. " A MINISTER OR SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE CANADIAN DELEGATION OF WHICH HE WILL BE THE VICE-CHAIR-

DISTRIBUTION

LOCAL / LOCALE

ORIGINATOR / REDACTEUR

DIVISION

TELEPHONE

APPROVED / AUTORISE

SIG.....

SIG.....