

APPENDIX "A"

FAMILY INCOME SECURITY

LETTER FROM QUEBEC PREMIER TO PRIME MINISTER

[Translation]

GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC
THE PRIME MINISTER

September 2, 1971

Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa.

Mr. Prime Minister:

You have already stated your Government's intention to table, as soon as Parliament reconvenes this month, a bill involving far-reaching changes in family allowances and other youth allowances.

The Government of Quebec has also announced that it would table in the fall a bill amending the provincial legislation on family allowances, in accordance with the income security policy it put forward in January 1971.

While it has not been possible at the recent Victoria conference to reach an agreement on the constitutional aspect of the whole matter of income security and, con-

sequently, family allowances, the Quebec Government feels it is essential at the present time to find a way of averting a conflict in this particular area of family allowances. To this end, the Quebec Government believes that it would be advisable to include in your proposed bill provisions to the effect that family allowances granted by the Government of Canada in a province must be granted in accordance with any existing terms, conditions and regulations of the family allowance legislation of that province, such as those concerning the recipients, the nature and the amount of the allowances, the decreasing scale of benefits, up to the total amount payable to the citizens of that province under federal legislation.

In our view, the inclusion of such provisions in the bill to be introduced by your Government would meet the provincial priorities and the social objectives which are involved. I therefore urge you to give this request your earnest consideration.

The Government of Quebec would also like to inform you that, in its opinion, there would be great advantages to using the same approach in dealing with both manpower centres and adult vocational training.

Yours truly,
Robert Bourassa