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CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND OTHERWISE.

QUESTION: WHEN WOULD THE FRENCH GOVT RECEIVE IT NORMALLY?

MR SHARP: I THINK IT IS POSSIBLE LATER TODAY AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS STORY THAT WE WERE WAITING FOR MR COUVE DE MURVILLE TO PRESENT IT TO HIM PERSONALLY IS NOT/NOT TRUE.

QUESTION: IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTE TO PARIS-DO YOU EXPECT THIS NOTE TO BE THE CONCLUDING EPISODE OF THE FRANCE AFFAIR OR WILL THERE BE FURTHER NOTES?

MR SHARP: WELL IN OUR MSG TO THE FRENCH GOVT WE WILL EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE THAT CDA ATTACHES TO CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, AND PARTICULARLY OUR COMMON INTEREST IN THE FRANCOPHONE (COUNTRIES) AND IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I WOULD HOPE THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS AND FRUITFULL COOPERATIVE ACTION BETWEEN FRANCE AND CDA IN THIS FIELD.

QUESTION: MR SHARP, HAS THE CDN GOVT BEEN INFORMED OF ANY OF THE DETAILS CONCERNING QUEBEC AID TO GABON?

MR SHARP: I HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND I GATHER THAT WHAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT IS A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH RESPECT TO TEACHERS AND EDUCATION IN GENERAL.... I MIGHT ADD THAT THE PROVINCES, INCLUDING THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, AND CDA, HAVE BEEN COOPERATING IN THIS FIELD. WE HAD VERY CLOSE COOPERATION FROM QUEBEC IN FOREIGN AID THAT INVOLVES EDUCATION SO THAT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE VERY FRUITFULL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN OTT AND THE PROVINCES, INCLUDING QUEBEC, IN THIS FIELD.