

1 on the United States, would you not?

2 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, we are relying quite a lot
3 already. So it is a question of degree. We would be relying
4 a little bit more, I suppose. But, you know, still, Canada
5 -- even imagining Canada without Quebec -- which I cannot
6 do--and I would say it would be a great pity for Canada
7 and the rest of the word -- but imagine it. You would still
8 have a big chunk of land with a lot of resources there, and
9 it could still be a pretty wealthy Country!

10 To quote Mr. Trudeau: "It would be a defeat for
11 humanity!"

12 MR. DUKE: To go back to what you were saying earlier:
13 do you feel that this threat -- this danger -- has been
14 greatly exaggerated?

15 MINISTER LALONDE: Yes. It is tough. I think
16 we must take it seriously. You know, it is not a "joke," but
17 to see this as some kind of an inevitable development;
18 "that the trend was in that direction, and that you know it
19 is just a question of time": I think that is a lot of hog wash!

20 There is no indication in the trends that I can
21 see, that the theory of the inevitability of separation
22 is valid. I just don't believe it is valid!

23 We have to have changes in Quebec. We have changes
24 in Canada; in the Constitution; in our Institutions; and
25 in the Private Sector, there have to be adjustments.