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1 there are socio-economic factors involved which are of a
2 more basic nature, and the feeling of insecurity that the
3 French speaking community has had, traditionally, in Canada
4 is one that has to be resolved.

5 Separatists intend to resolve it by saying
6 to the French-speaking Canadians and the Quebeckers: "Well,
7 we will have all of the powers here. We will create our
8 own fortress. We will be our own Country. We will have
9 all of the powers. Therefore, we will be safe."

10 We do not believe that this is a good diagnosis
11 of the situation. It is going to be a very costly one,
12 economically and sociologically, and we think the solution
13 lies, better, in the Federal system-~~than~~ in the single
14 unitary state that would be the State of Quebec.

15 That is our fundamental difference. But this
16 would imply true Constitutional reform, but through other
17 steps, and steps that take a longer time, and are slower;
18 that the French speaking community will have to feel that
19 it is secure.

20 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Can we change the subject
21 to a current development?

22 Are you shocked at the spy revelations?

23 Can you give us any observations about it?

24 MINISTER LALONDE: I am not particularly shocked--
25 nor surprised! This has taken place in other Countries.