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MINISTERS PRESS CONFERENCE

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FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES GIVEN BY MR SHARP IN ENGLISH DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY RELATING TO THE PARIS EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND CDA.

2. QUESTION-CBC: MR SHARP, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PARIS NOTE NOW? HAS IT GONE AND HAS IT BEEN DELIVERED?

MR SHARP: YES, I AM NOT/NOT QUITE SURE YET WHETHER THE NOTE HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY DELIVERED BUT IT IS IN PROCESS OF BEING DELIVERED AND IT WILL BE DELIVERED AT AN APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVEL AT THE EARLIEST CONVENIENCE OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IF MR COUVE DE MURVILLE IS NOT/NOT THERE IT WILL BE DELIVERED.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE TONE OF THE NOTE?

MR SHARP: NO/NO, I DON'T REALLY THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CDA AND FRANCE TO PUBLISH THIS NOTE AND THAT IS CERTAINLY NOT/NOT OUR INTENTION NOW. WE ARE NOT/NOT CARRYING ON A CAMPAIGN, WE ARE CARRYING ON A DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVTS DISCUSSING A MATTER THAT IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

QUESTION: UNDER NORMAL DEFINITIONS, IS IT A PROTEST NOTE?

MR SHARP: WE NEVER PUT ANY NAMES ON MSGS OF THIS KIND. THE POSITION OF THE CDN GOVT ON THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN MADE FAIRLY CLEAR AND CERTAINLY THE MSG WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE FRENCH GOVT WILL NOT/NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THE DOCUS THAT WERE PUBLISHED IN