

I don't mean that it would not be conceivable to have a national referendum in Canada, asking them if they want Quebec to stay. But I don't see any advantage in asking that question at this time--unless Quebec should suddenly have doubts about whether the rest of Canada wants them in, and they want to know what the rest of Canada thinks. But I don't see Mr. Levesque's government asking that question and, at this point, it is not a technique that I need to envisage.

Canadians want Canada united and, to keep it united, we have to make sure that Quebec feels that it is better off within Canada than outside of Canada. And in order to feel better within Canada than outside, there have to be certain adjustments -- that I was talking about -- through the cultural, linguistic reality of the French speaking society in Canada.

(Whereupon, the Press Conference was concluded.)