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give me a hand on the actual surveys that have been carried on. I think even a majority of English speaking Canadians -- if I remember well -- would not want us to use force to keep Quebec in, if they wanted out.

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But if you ask the English speaking Canadians whether they believe Quebec should stay in Canada, they overwhelmingly say "Yes"! So, the idea of the reaction of, "Let them go" is not one that is very, very spread in terms of political strength. I think there is a willingness to accomodate; and a willingness to make an effort to accomodate.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: So it really does not translate into a Party political issue in English speaking Canada?

MINISTER LALONDE: Not in English speaking 15 Canada. There is no political strength that is identi-16 fiable at the present time, which would say, "Let's cut it off", you know. There is no party that is taking that line --18 and there is no identifiable movement of any significance. 19

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Could you garner from that, that the P.Q. says that if they got their independence, the rest of Canada would be bound to allow them all of the economic advantages of the Confederation; and their opponents saying, "This is not true".

What do you think?