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1 regular contact. Our Embassy in Paris is in regular
2 contact with the French Government, and the French Ambassador
3 in Ottawa is in close contact with us.

4 There are also quite a number of direct contacts
5 on the political level taking place.

6 The French Government has expressed its view
7 succinctly, in the Statement of Non-Interference and Non-
8 Indifference, and it is understandable that the French
9 Government should not be indifferent to the situation.

10 As long as they are respecting the Canadian
11 Constitution, we are not opposed--on the contrary--to a close
12 relationship between the Government of Quebec and the Govern-
13 ment of France. But it has to be done under our Constitutional
14 rules; and the French Government has to respect those rules!
15 We are watching this carefully, and when we are concerned
16 that there might be trespassing, we draw it to their
17 attention.

18 MR. FEICHTLBAUER: Would you expect less support
19 and encouragement for the Pequiste on the part of a Leftist
20 Government in France?

21 MINISTER LALONDE: I would say "Yes".

22 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Still one more question
23 about this "economic" side.

24 Has this controversy about Quebec affected
25 immigration to Canada--and, if so: How?