

Exhibit 1.

Statement by Prime Minister, House of Commons,
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"I would be prepared to leave the matter there were it not that my hon. friend still contends that there was no constitutional issue. For purposes or record it is perhaps important that with respect to that phantom ministry the government's position should be clearly stated. We take the view that the whole proceedings of that ministry from beginning to close were unconstitutional, that it never was a ministry in any true sense of the term as ministries are understood under the British constitution. When was there a ministry in British history that undertook to carry on the government of the nation, having no authority from parliament and no authority from the country? That was the position of the ministry that assumed to carry on the government of this country for a period of some eighty days."