

1           That is what Mr. Trudeau has said, in answering  
2 a hypothetical question.

3           We have said quite clearly that, you know, we have  
4 enough confidence in the common sense and the good judgement  
5 and in the Democratic system, itself, that we are not worried  
6 about this.

7           Now, when you say, "What will happen, or what  
8 would happen" --

9           MR. DUKE: What would the effect be on Canada --  
10 should there be separation?

11           MINISTER LALONDE: Well, I think it would be  
12 pretty bad! Pretty bad!!

13           You would end up with the Atlantic provinces  
14 finding themselves a little bit like, I suppose, Alaska, or  
15 Bangladesh. I don't know what the solution would be: the  
16 one in Bangladesh -- or the one in Alaska; in the sense  
17 that they would stay tied with the rest of Canada.

18           I think we would be breaking a large economic  
19 unit. Economically, it would be worse for Quebec than for  
20 the rest of Canada. But it would not be good for the rest  
21 of Canada.

22           I don't see that the rest of Canada, you know,  
23 would just become part of the United States within ten  
24 years. I just don't see that!

25           MR. DUKE: But you would have to rely a lot more