



Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

October 17, 1978

The Right Honourable Pierre E. Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

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My Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia I have made public today comprehensive proposals for changes to the Constitution of Canada.

I knew that you would wish to have a set of these proposals which I am forwarding herewith to all the Provincial Premiers.

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You will see that these proposals address the main issues of Constitutional Review, namely the Central Institution of Federalism, the Division of Powers, the question of Fundamental Rights and Language Rights and the subject of the Amending Formula and Patriation of the Constitution.

These proposals, developed over the course of the past year, are put forward in the hope that they might provide creative and yet realistic solutions to some of the problems with which we are faced as a nation at the present time.

My Government would appreciate the opportunity of discussing these proposals with you after you have had an opportunity to study them. I will have either my Minister Responsible for Constitutional Review, The Honourable K. Rafe Mair or my Deputy Minister on Constitutional Affairs, Mr. Mel Smith, contact your office shortly so that arrangements for an appropriate meeting can be made with your Ministers or Officials in your Capital if you so desire.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Bennett

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Premier of British Columbia

*it seems that Massé
has received the mentioned
attachments. 24-10-78
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