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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Proportion of francophones outside Quebec
resident in New Brunswick and
Ontario

You will recall that, in the P&P Committee this morning, in the course of my briefing on the constitutional amendment bill, question arose as to what proportion of francophones outside Quebec reside in Ontario and New Brunswick and will therefore be covered by the provisions in sections 15(2) and 16(2) about publication of statutes and proceedings in the courts. According to the 1971 census (as reproduced in our paper "A National Understanding" at page 41), the relevant figures are:

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| Francophones living outside Quebec | 926,400 |
| Francophones living in | |
| Ontario | 482,040 |
| New Brunswick | <u>215,725</u> |
| | 697,765 |

The francophone population of New Brunswick and Ontario is thus 75.32% of all francophones outside Quebec.

The remaining 24.68% of francophones are widely scattered. The relevant figures are:

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| Newfoundland | 3,640 | 0.7% |
| PEI | 7,365 | 6.6% |
| Nova Scotia | 39,335 | 5.0% |
| Manitoba | 60,545 | 6.1% |
| Saskatchewan | 31,605 | 3.4% |
| Alberta | 46,500 | 2.9% |
| B.C. | 38,035 | 1.7% |
| Yukon Territory | 450 | 2.4% |
| NWT | <u>1,160</u> | 3.3% |
| | 228,635 | |

It was because of this wide scattering, of which the largest group (Manitoba) is only 6.1% of the population of the province, that it was thought impracticable to require the equivalent of section 133 obligations in these provinces. While the francophone population of Ontario is only 6.3% of the total provincial population, it is a group of nearly half a million and is largely concentrated in particular areas.

Do you think these details should be brought to the attention of other francophone Ministers in the Cabinet?

*Yes please,
particularly
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& Bray*

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