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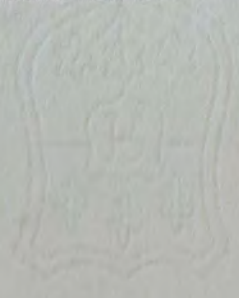
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MEMORANDUM TO EDDY GOLDENBERG

As requested, you will find attached a file on the Constitution and the abortion issue. A summary report is annexed.

The file covers the period from October 1980 to the present date and will be updated every second week. Explanatory notes will accompany the updates.

Should you require additional information, please contact Diana Monnet.



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SUMMARY REPORT

Very little documentation on abortion and right to life was found, even though the period covered was expanded from the past month to October 1980. The majority of the documents are factual news stories. Also included are presentations made to the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution.

The pro-life groups feel that the Charter of Rights will entrench abortion on demand. The pro-abortion group feels that the Charter of Rights will prevent women from having abortions.

Neither group appears to have an organized lobby at the federal level. However, indirect lobbying has been conducted at the provincial level. The pro-life forces have taken out ads in the "Catholic Register", asking the voters of Ontario not to support the Conservative Party until it withdraws its support for the federal constitutional proposals. Unfortunately, copies of the ads are not yet available. They will be included in subsequent files.