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PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS OTTAWA ONT
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REFERENCE [THE HONOURABLE MR. CHRETIEN'S TELEX NO. FPR0-1507] RE
CALENDAR FOR FUTURE MEETING - ITEM C. THERE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT
AGREEMENT AT JUNE 9 MEETING THAT "OFFICIALS WOULD REMAIN IN SESSION
(EXCEPT FOR WEEKENDS) FOR THREE WEEKS". IN FACT, WORD
"CONTINUOUS" WAS EXPLICITLY STRUCK FROM PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSED
DRAFT. IT MUST BE LEFT TO THE DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL
AND PROVINCIAL MINISTERS TO SET THEIR OWN SCHEDULE WITHIN PROPOSED
TIME FRAMES. PLEASE ENSURE THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS
ARRANGEMENT IS CONFIRMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I AM FURTHER CONCERNED TO SEE THE DOCUMENT HEADED "PRIORITIES FOR A
NEW CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON JUNE 50
1980" REPEATED IN FULL IN THE TELEX. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THIS
DOCUMENT WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AT THE JUNE 9TH CONFERENCE, IT WAS MY
FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY THE LIST OF PROPOSED ITEMS WAS AGREED TO
WITH THE ADDITION OF THE TOPIC OF FISHERIES. I WAS SURPRISED
THEREFORE TO SEE THE FULL PAPER REPEATED IN THE TELEX WHEN ONLY THE
LIST OF PROPOSED ITEMS WAS AGREED TO.

SIMILARLY, I AM CONCERNED TO SEE ATTACHED TO THE MINISTER'S TELEX THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION.
THIS DOCUMENT WAS DISCUSSED AND REJECTED AT THE CONFERENCE ON JUNE
9TH. BY ATTACHING THE DOCUMENT TO THE MINISTER'S TELEX, THE
IMPLICATION IS THAT IT IS TO BE DISCUSSED AGAIN. IF IT IS TO BE
RENEWED, I ADVISE YOU BY THIS TELEX THAT IT WILL AGAIN BE REJECTED
OUTRIGHT BY THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE ADDITION OF SUCH ITEMS AS WE UNDERSTAND
TO HAVE BEEN REJECTED AT THE JUNE 9TH MEETING DOES NOT REFLECT AN
ATTEMPT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE CONTINUING COMMITTEE
OF MINISTERS RENEW CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS OR DISCUSSION ITEMS
PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE FIRST MINISTERS. SUCH TACTICS WILL NOT
ONLY BE WASTEFUL OF TIME, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WILL IN NO WAY BENEFIT
THE ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF MINISTERS AND FIRST MINISTERS
IN COMING TO A REASONED CONSENSUS ON THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED.

YOUR EARLY RESPONSE WILL BE APPRECIATED IN ORDER THAT THE HONOURABLE
G.W.L. MERCIER, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR THE JUNE 17TH MEETING ARE MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND
AGREED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA.

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PREMIER OF MANITOBA

CC. THE HONOURABLE JEAN CHRETIEN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE - OTTAWA
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