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TRANSCRIPT OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, MR. J. CLARK, ON WEDNESDAY  
23 MAY

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Prime Minister: Many, many congratulations. We're so thrilled.

Mr. Clark: Well, thank you very much.

Prime Minister: How do you feel?

Mr. Clark: There's no question that your victory paved the way  
for ours.

Prime Minister: Well, I did hope that. You know we've been  
watching it anxiously the last few days and I just hope that we  
might have been able to help a little. But the great thing is  
that the tide is moving all over.

Mr. Clark: It was British Columbia where the difference was  
made finally and we're delighted. I will naturally welcome  
any suggestions you may have as to how an incoming Prime  
Minister handles the job. You seem to have been doing very  
well.

Prime Minister: You just get stuck in, that's all. You have  
to get stuck in and really rely on your own instincts. I've  
forgotten, do you have to form a new Government immediately?

Mr. Clark: We have about a two-week delay here unlike you and  
there is a minority situation as you know. Mr. Trudeau has  
indicated though that he will be recommending to the Governor-  
General that I be called upon to form a Government and I imagine  
that that will occur within six days to two weeks.

Prime Minister: The only thing that I did was to form what I  
call a 'well-balanced Government', that is to say that some of  
us were known to be fervent believers in the almost pure political  
belief and I had to balance it out with other people - not for  
me, but to give a certain confidence that one is determined to  
take the middle ground. You know they always charge you with

extremism during an election campaign. But apart from that all I did was just get on but never take a decision before I'm ready to.

Mr. Clark: Well, I've just come through my first press conference as Prime Minister and have steadfastly refused to take any decisions before I was ready to.

Prime Minister: Oh, absolutely right. Well I heard you on our radio and I thought you were superb.

Mr. Clark: Well, thank you very much and, as I say, your victory was very helpful to us and I look forward to seeing you in Tokyo and being in touch properly before then.

Prime Minister: Good, and we'll exchange experiences then.

Mr. Clark: We certainly shall.

Prime Minister: But we're very, very thrilled, and thrilled for you, thrilled for everything we believe in and many congratulations. And from what we've heard over hear you were absolutely marvellous - a famous victory.

Mr. Clark: Well, we have a very good group of people and I think we have won a quite significant victory. We have a problem still in Quebec but that is something we can overcome.

Prime Minister: Yes, but you know once you're in office it makes the world of difference

Mr. Clark: Yes, I'm sure that's the case.

Prime Minister: You have all the authority you haven't had before.

Mr. Clark: Probably, we shall be appointing some Ministers from Quebec to ensure that very kind of balance that you mentioned.

Prime Minister: That's just exactly right. You'll be marvellous. So get some sleep and you'll be absolutely wonderful.

Mr. Clark: Thank you.

Prime Minister: Thank you for 'phoning. Goodbye.

Mr. Clark: Goodbye now.

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