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FOLLOWING FOR ALEXANDER, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY, FROM PATTISON,  
NO.10

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A TELEGRAM WHICH SIR BERNARD BRAINE HAS  
ASKED SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER:  
QUOTE IN THE LIGHT OF THE RULING BY THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA  
THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S PATRIATION PROPOSALS ARE IN  
BREACH OF THE CONVENTION REQUIRING PROVINCIAL ASSENT AND ARE  
CONSEQUENTLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ALBEIT NOT ILLEGAL, MAY I RESPECT-  
FULLY SUGGEST FIRSTLY THAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S ATTENTION BE  
DRAWN TO THE WIDESPREAD CONCERN AMONG COLLEAGUES IN PARLIAMENT  
LEST THEY BE ASKED TO PASS LEGISLATION WHICH IS STRONGLY OPPOSED  
BY EIGHT OUT OF TEN PROVINCES AND BY THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLES OF  
CANADA; AND SECONDLY THAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU SHOULD ONCE  
AGAIN SEEK TO NEGOTIATE WITH BOTH PROVINCIAL AND ABORIGINAL  
REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA SO THAT AN AGREED SOLUTION BE FOUND  
TO A DISPUTE OF GREAT POTENTIAL DANGER TO BOTH CANADA AND TO THE  
COMMONWEALTH AS A WHOLE UNQUOTE.

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