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During a private conversation with Denis Healey last night I raised the question of the Canada Bill.

Denis Healey told me that he understood that the Canadian Indians had submitted an appeal and he expressed the very strong view that it would be imprudent for the Government to proceed with the Bill until this appeal had been disposed of. He believed that there could well be an attempt to filibuster the Bill if it was proceeded with whilst the appeal was pending.

I mentioned the gist of this conversation to the Lord President this morning and he would be grateful if the Foreign and Commonwealth Office could provide a note on the issue of the appeal by lunch time today.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Adam Wood (Lord Privy Seal's office), Jim Nursaw (Law Officers Department), Mike Pattison (No 10) and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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