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Dear John,

CANADA BILL: LETTER FROM QUEBEC AGENT--GENERAL

Thank you for your letter of 15 February enclosing a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Agent-General of Quebec. The letter is in fact a circular, copies of which have been sent to all Members of both Houses of Parliament, enclosing a memorandum setting out the Quebec case against the Canada Bill.

The Premier of Quebec has also written direct to the Leaders of the House of Lords and the House of Commons requesting them not to proceed with the Canada Bill. The FCO is proposing that the Lord President and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster should reply to Mr Levesque in identical terms briefly re-stating why the government is going ahead now with the Canada Bill.

In the case of Mr Loiselle, however, our advice is that it would be inappropriate for the Prime Minister to write to him herself. Canadian Agents-General in London do not have direct access to HMG. Although this does not preclude them dealing with Government departments on day-to-day matters, Mr Loiselle will be well aware that he should approach HMG through the Canadian High Commission on matters of substance. We believe it would be adequate for a brief acknowledgement to Mr Loiselle's letter to be sent by you and I enclose a draft in that sense.

Yours,

Alan

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CAVEAT.....

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 12 February addressed to the Prime Minister setting out the views of the Government of the Province of Quebec on the Canada Bill now before Parliament.

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