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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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Attached is the next to last draft of our analysis of and response to the Kershaw Report. Officials will be meeting Monday night to revise it.

Appendix C has not yet been rewritten, but I will have a copy of it for you tomorrow or Wednesday if you want to see it.

Your comments on the attached draft would be useful. In addition, it would be helpful to get your views on the question of whether this document should be made public. My view is that we should make it public as quickly as possible, perhaps even by the end of this week so that our lawyers can table the document when the constitutional case is heard in the Quebec court during the week of March 9. In addition, I think that it would be useful to send a copy of this document to every Member of the British House of Commons and the House of Lords.

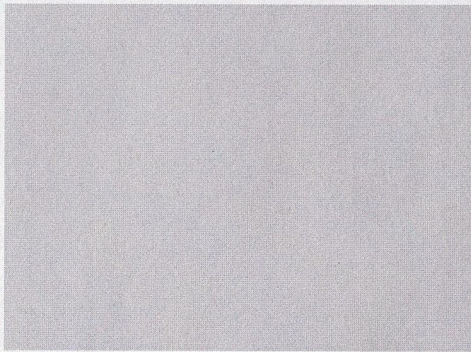
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Also attached is a report from Barry Strayer who went to London last week to review an earlier version of the draft reply to Kershaw with officials in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The U.K. government intends to use our analysis of the Kershaw Report as the basis for their response to it. You will want to note in particular the last two paragraphs of Strayer's memorandum.

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Revised Draft Memorandum

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Deputy Attorney-General of Canada

FROM: Dale Gibson

March 2, 1981.

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