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economy.

In a thinly veiled reference to reserves the PM said, "Canada is one country. There is one law and it must apply to all Canadians." Later he said, " 'No go' areas are not acceptable."

These statements are strikingly different from proposals laid out in the Liberal Party's Red Book concerning the Liberals' commitment to native self-government. The RCMP will step up its enforcement efforts especially at the Canada-US border; this raises the possibility of confrontation at the Quebec reserves of Kahnawake and Akwesasne.

Solicitor-General Herb Grey will meet later today with Grand Chiefs of the three reserves near Montreal to discuss this issue.

Mohawk warriors have already made statements that they will not tolerate incursion into their territory by RCMP or Surete de Quebec police.

Six Nations Chief Williams met last Saturday morning with RCMP officials to discuss concerns regarding a crack-down by law enforcement officials about possible ramifications on Six Nations territory. The Chief was assured that no immediate plans to conduct large-scale raids on Six Nations.

The Toronto Saturday Sun contained an article which stated the paper had a secret RCMP memo outlining plans for large-scale raids on reserves. Mountie spokesman, Sergeant Stu Gilmore, "emphatically denied" that such plans were being developed. Gilmore said the memo was part of a contingency plan already in place. Sun editor Mike Strobo stood by his story, saying he felt a contingency plan being developed during a crisis is more than a contingency plan.

A spokesperson for the office of Ron Erwin, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development said the government is learning its lessons and taking small steps in learning to address native concerns. She added that the government is sensitive to self-determination issues.

The representatives of Grand River Enterprises will be meeting in Ottawa with Revenue minister David Anderson to discuss their application for a manufacturing license. A decision is expected by the end of this week.