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Following the numerous news recently published about the relations between the Bibliothèque nationale de France and Google, Mr. Bruno Racine, the BnF's President, wishes to clarify the following points :

- talks between the Library and companies such as Google, involved in the digitization process, are absolutely normal ;
- no decision has been taken so far concerning a possible cooperation agreement ;
- different options are considered by the Bibliothèque nationale de France, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Communication ;
- all of our considerations fully take into account the capital issue of the observance of copyrights ;
- the Bibliothèque nationale de France does not intend to enter into any argument especially when controversies tend to become personal.

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