

MR. LINEY, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 the most ornery, awkward sort of people you could ever
2 wish to meet which makes them very persistent, very
3 nosey, and very sort of, you know -- I forget -- I can't
4 think of a phrase for it, but getting to the bottom of
5 everything. You know, investigative sort of attitude.
6 Believe nothing, question everything, check everything.
7 Not all inspectors, some inspectors are better than
8 others, but that is the general type of inspector we get.
9 Incidentally, they have to be ex-colliery managers, you
10 appreciate that?

11 Q. Yes, we've heard that.

12 A. And, therefore, they have to be qualified mine
13 engineers because you have to be a qualified mining
14 engineer to be a colliery manager. But -- so obviously
15 they've got a major background in the industry and major
16 experience, but that doesn't necessarily make them good
17 inspectors. They have to have this particular evil bent
18 as you might say towards what to do, you know, get to the
19 guy, you know, and really be persistent in getting to the
20 bottom of anything that's going wrong.

21 Q. Um-hmm. Tell me about how they would do their
22 inspections. How frequently, what types of things would
23 they do; how would they keep management on its toes?

24 A. Well, there's a lot -- at least I think a lot more
25 direct communication between the colliery and the