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1 million for individual projects. Between 10 million and  
2 20 million, if they had the funds in their operating  
3 plans, they had to receive the approval of Treasury  
4 Board. And without exception, all proposals of any kind  
5 over \$20 million had to be approved by Cabinet. And that  
6 was the delegations of a financial authority.

7 In numbers of instances where projects had  
8 contractual complications of one kind or another,  
9 Departments would still have to seek Treasury Board  
10 approval, even for amounts that were within their  
11 delegated financial authority so that the contractual  
12 issues, such as there might be, were, in fact, clarified  
13 before any commitments were made that would commit the  
14 government.

15 Then in addition to that, for projects over \$20  
16 million that involved industrial or regional development,  
17 the Department of Industrial Expansion had responsibility  
18 for carrying the case from -- relatively from beginning  
19 to end for two reasons: one, because those very large  
20 projects always had policy considerations. Then it was a  
21 way of using our role at the center to arrive at  
22 accommodations or arrive at compromise or arrive at  
23 crystallizing of positions amongst numerous departments  
24 that would often be engaged in those matters.

25 In addition, there was a specific part of the DRIE