

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Not really. We -- generally, as it arrived,
2 certainly when it came into my -- came into my view, I
3 was aware, generally, that there had been attempts to
4 develop this particular area in the past, that both
5 Placer and Suncor had looked at the development, and my
6 understanding at that time was that Curragh had looked at
7 the opportunity and was in consultation or in negotiation
8 with Suncor at the time.

9 Q. You have no knowledge as to how Curragh got there,
10 what interested them, who made the connection?

11 A. No, none at all.

12 Q. All right. So that this application comes in
13 through the levels then and goes up through into your
14 Department in Ottawa. Can you tell me basically how it
15 went from there? Give me an overview, if you can?

16 A. Well, I won't put dates on -- I'll give you a
17 process description. We can come to dates --

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. -- at another point. The project arrives and the
20 first thing that has to occur, because of the magnitude
21 of the project, is that there has to be a discussion of
22 this in Cabinet.

23 Now I should clarify that there -- at that time
24 there were five Cabinet committees. There was an
25 Oversight Committee and there was a Priorities and