

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 to have done to have assisted him with this project, I
2 suppose they were always concerned that, I think your
3 words in my interview were, "This tar baby was going to
4 get stuck on them"?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. All right.

7 A. You know, legitimately, E. M. & R. might have had a
8 concern that they were going to be asked to participate
9 in the financing because, after all, it was mineral
10 project. Or ACOA, who didn't want to have any
11 responsibility for financing it, might also be asked to
12 participate. I mean, there's no doubt about everybody's
13 concern over being asked to participate in that.

14 Q. And I assume -- we have a lot of the documents that
15 would have passed in your own Department, particularly
16 between you and your Minister, de Cotret, during part of
17 this time, in which you were advising him as to positions
18 to take.

19 I assume that other Cabinet members were probably
20 also getting advice from their Departments and probably
21 advice to go very conservative or very slow or duck this
22 one?

23 A. I think that's reasonable.

24 Q. All right.

25 COMMISSIONER Mr. Rogers, would the main concern that