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1 or whether it be Donny Cameron or whether it be Premier
2 Buchanan or Elmer MacKay or others.

3 It was particularly difficult with my own staff, all
4 of whom were uniformly opposed, both in principle as well
5 as for the financial reasons. And I've told you in the
6 final analysis now it's not something I thought the
7 Government should do.

8 Q. Let's talk about some of the other players. What
9 role did MacKay play through all this? He supported it,
10 you've told us that, but what was his role in making the
11 wheels go around?

12 A. Well, certainly, he acted as any Member of
13 Parliament would in actively and aggressively, pro-
14 actively promoting a case for his constituents. And he's
15 no different in that respect than anybody else, so
16 there's nothing to be critical of in his playing that
17 role.

18 Apart from his -- the usual action of trying to drum
19 up support amongst his Cabinet colleagues, which I assume
20 he did, my own interventions with him were ones where he
21 would try and facilitate the resolution of some of these
22 problems that engaged the Federal Government and the
23 Province of Nova Scotia.

24 On the issue of the impact on DEVCO, trying to get
25 commitments from the appropriate authorities here in a