

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you ever see any indication that they
3 themselves, or that his office, was actively pushing this
4 project or attempting to facilitate it through the
5 process?

6 A. Never. Never.

7 Q. All right. Tell me about, and I should have asked
8 you this when I was asking about your own role in this.
9 You had a senior Deputy that was initially involved in
10 this project?

11 A. An Assistant Deputy.

12 Q. Assistant Deputy?

13 A. Um-hmm.

14 Q. Mr. Cliff MacKay?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. What was his role in it and what changed in relation
17 to that?

18 A. He was the first official that was managing the
19 file. And for whatever set of reasons, part of the
20 initial reaction to his involvement in the file led to a
21 loss of confidence by Minister MacKay and by Minister
22 Cameron, which was publicly stated. If you go back
23 through the press releases of that -- of the day, you'll
24 find that there is liberal reference to the fact that
25 bureaucrats in the Department of Regional Industrial