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1 to read the text, but I won't go through every provision  
2 of them with you while you're on the stand.

3 What I would ask you to do is flip over to page 7,  
4 stamped page 7, typed page 3. The paragraph at the very  
5 top of the page, you say, "Energy, Mines, and Resources  
6 states there is no precedent in Canada for Federal  
7 financial assistance for primary coal extraction and  
8 consequently that assistance to Westray could result in  
9 criticism from Western Canadian coal producers." And  
10 you've told us about that.

11 It then goes on to say, "E.M.R. also recommends  
12 further independent technical evaluation if assistance is  
13 considered, given the sensitivity of the project to  
14 unforeseen difficulties."

15 What was meant by that?

16 A. E.M. & R. had access to a whole series of geological  
17 and other assessments of the technical matters involved  
18 in the development of a mine on this site. They had been  
19 prepared in earlier eras by several reputed mining  
20 consulting engineering companies. Kilborn Engineering  
21 comes to mind; AMCL is another. There may have been --  
22 there may have been several others. I know, having seen  
23 these, that they're -- what I saw was a stack that was  
24 this high, and I knew there were more. And they looked  
25 at those in detail and made an assessment of them and