

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 should be provided only if appropriate safeguards can be  
2 negotiated regarding DEVCO's share of the N.S.P.C.  
3 market." And you've told me about that.

4 You then go on and say, though, that there should be  
5 further consultations and evaluations of the project  
6 technically with E.M.R. Am I to take from that that  
7 perhaps that was being used more for this tactic of,  
8 "Let's study it further while we wait to see what sifts  
9 out," rather than the need to have it technically  
10 reviewed purely on its own merits?

11 A. No, they're -- we're dealing with issues, quite  
12 separate issues in each of these -- in each of these  
13 recommendations. If E.M.R. says there's a more technical  
14 evaluation required, what is it? What would you do  
15 further to what's been done in six or seven major  
16 engineering and geological studies on this dossier that  
17 has not been done? Is there -- is the -- are you saying,  
18 in the opinion you rendered, that this -- it is -- you  
19 have inadequate information upon which to base that? The  
20 answer is "No." So that was really to confirm, clearly,  
21 that what they said in their assessment was what they  
22 meant. Now the one thing that that did stimulate that I  
23 think was key was to go back to the Company and say, "You  
24 know, we've never talked -- we've talked about all sorts  
25 of business issues, but we need to have from you an