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1 to putting basically two options to your Minister.

2 Option one: "That if federal assistance is to be granted,
3 it would be necessary to do a variety of things." And
4 you list them there. And it basically repeats the point
5 you've been making.

6 And then Option two: "If it's your intention that
7 federal assistance not be provided..." et cetera, et
8 cetera. You were pressing, I take it, for a decision at
9 that time for which way to go rather than just continuing
10 to study it or keep it boiling on the back burner?

11 A. Yes, although it must be made clear that my
12 Minister, in providing the direction, is not making the
13 decision. He's providing the direction to proceed with a
14 -- in a particular fashion to seek Cabinet approval.

15 Q. Did he give you a decision at that time?

16 A. [No audible response]

17 Q. I noted in --

18 A. I honestly can't remember. I suspect it was Option
19 one because that's what we did.

20 Q. All right.

21 A. I honestly can't remember on that specific document

22 Q. All right. So that's June 1st, '88.

23 If you can turn to the next document, it's a memo
24 July the 11th, '88, and, again, from you to your
25 Minister. It may have been a draft because it's