

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. -- could only speculate.

2 Q. Let's come to the next document in sequence. It's a
3 letter to you from Mr. Frame dated October the 28th,
4 1988. Tell me the significance of this document?

5 A. Well, this document was the first to deal with the
6 six issues that you -- that we discussed just a moment
7 ago and as opposed to informal minutes, that formally
8 commits in writing the position of the Chief Executive of
9 Curragh.

10 What it portrays is the continuing disagreement with
11 respect to the sort of project financial analysis, the
12 assessment that was being made by myself and my officials
13 where we were basically saying that they were requesting
14 a far greater level of financial support than their own
15 financial analysis indicated would be warranted.

16 And their rebuttal was that our analysis was
17 deficient and that our analysis did not take into account
18 a whole series of potential outturns on cost overruns or
19 on other financial commitments they would have to make to
20 the project and, for this reason, the base of our
21 assessment should be changed.

22 This went on beyond this meeting and I suspect even
23 after the project was approved, they probably would still
24 argue that they had a valid position and that our
25 position was not valid.