

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Merriam's absence, he took a call from Cliff. And I
2 assume by that he means probably your senior Deputy --

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. -- Cliff MacKay, who advised me of a telephone
5 conference on October the 26th, involving the Premier,
6 Honourable Elmer MacKay, Peter White, and yourself. And,
7 again, he recites in bottom part of the letter the
8 confirmations that the Premier had given, and this is
9 consistent with you telling us that you were pressing for
10 and beginning to get specific undertakings, I take it?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. All right. Let me take you to the next document
13 which is a letter from you, I believe, to Mr. Frame,
14 dated November the 4th. That's at page 52. And, again,
15 you appear to be arguing that basic point that they were
16 looking for too much money. The point that you appear to
17 make in the second paragraph on the first page, about
18 four or five lines down, you make the statement, "In
19 fact, your version of the conditions raises several
20 concerns. It does not take into consideration the
21 important fact that it is the Federal Government that is
22 being asked to take the bulk of the financial risk on the
23 Westray project, not the shareholders or the commercial
24 lender." Could you explain that for me?

25 A. Well, it's a fact that -- it's a fact that when