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1 I ask my question is, to an observer, it would have  
2 seemed to me that that was a point on which both  
3 Provincial and Federal Governments could have taken a  
4 unanimity, a together stand, in dealing with the  
5 developer: "Look, you don't need this much money. We're  
6 going to bargain you down to the cheapest we can get  
7 you."

8 A. I think the preferred position of any government is,  
9 "If I can stay out of this one, I will." And so they  
10 chose the , for what was for them, a most appropriate  
11 course of action.

12 Q. What was the position of Minister Cameron at this  
13 time as far as the mine development?

14 A. I know that he was in favour of it, but when we  
15 looked at the correspondence a few minutes ago about his  
16 threat of changing the regulations as to emission  
17 controls to impact on DEVCO, I got the impression from  
18 your answer that it was an absolutely committed position.  
19 Whatever it was going to cost, the Province wanted this  
20 project to go in on those terms. Would that be right?

21 A. I wouldn't put it that broadly for this reason: I  
22 was raising the issue of a way to avoid or a way to  
23 mitigate the loss of volumes of coal from DEVCO. And he  
24 absolutely wanted that conversation off the table. So I  
25 really interpreted his response and the vigour of it as a