

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. I think they were by this time pockets, and they
2 were simply related to mandates of departments. I truly
3 don't think there was any concerted set of activities
4 among a group of Ministers to use these as ways to
5 torpedo the project. Although I do continue to say to
6 you that whether or not this was going to be finally
7 approved was still at this point open, even as Cabinet
8 had provided its approval in principle. It was by no
9 means clear that if these issues weren't resolved that it
10 was going to be approved at all.

11 Q. All right. So we're going through the late summer
12 of 1989. The next document I want to have you refer to
13 is at the next page, page 64. It's a letter from you to
14 Mr. Merriam. And tell me what this reflects in the
15 ongoing story. I took it to be a sort of a formal offer
16 or maybe a changed position on your part.

17 A. Well, this was a -- this was decision time. This
18 was the final level of support that I believed could be
19 sold, and I took it upon myself to establish whether or
20 not the Nova Scotia Government would be supportive of
21 participating in this or whether they would agree with
22 us, because I thought that should be on the record. And
23 I thought that they should also understand that if this
24 put was going to be made, that there were also several
25 other still open issues. And those are canvassed in the