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1 pressure on me, what I would -- how I would recall this
2 is that it was the accumulation of what had preceded had
3 suddenly boiled up in a sense of frustration. And just
4 as the package was being put to Cabinet, he was still
5 dealing with his anger and frustrations on the way the
6 process had unfolded and the unfairness of the treatment
7 that everybody had received at our hands. "Our hands"
8 being the officials responsible. And he just wanted to
9 make his point.

10 I didn't regard it as pressure with respect to
11 anything about the impending or current review that was
12 to be had by Cabinet. You may find that a funny kind of
13 a divorce, but I saw it so often in so many situations
14 that the fact that it would be some kind of pressure on
15 me personally or on my staff just didn't occur to me. It
16 happens all the time.

17 Q. Let me make sure I've understood it. You viewed
18 this as maybe his last -- an attempt by him to sort of
19 register his protest or was he actually -- was this still
20 part of the negotiating process?

21 A. No, I think it was a -- it was not part of a
22 negotiating process. My opinion. He just wanted to make
23 -- his intent was to make the Prime Minister aware of how
24 unhappy he was with how this whole thing had been
25 handled, the issue of bureaucratic prejudice against the