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1 Why stick it on them?

2 Q. All right, but I wondered if the fact these problems
3 were consistently being found or reported through to
4 Ottawa from the local office might have been as much a
5 reflection of that as to whether there were really
6 problems here?

7 A. Thinking of the instances that you have highlighted,
8 they have been what you'd describe as late-arriving new
9 issues emanating from the Department of the Environment,
10 the Federal Department of the Environment. And in point
11 of fact, if you go to the contract which we may come to
12 which we put to Curragh, there's a page and a half, if
13 not two pages, of specific environmental remediation
14 steps they have to take, all of which were identified by
15 the Nova Scotia regional office of Environment Canada.
16 So what I'd suggest is there's a very active
17 environmental office down here. And they were a source
18 of some of these issues. And they were irritants at the
19 time, but in retrospect, they were doing their job.

20 Q. Can I flip you to page 80 which is a letter from you
21 dated February 9, 1990 to the Deputy Minister of
22 Environment Canada. Am I correct in assuming that that
23 is your letter to him, again, as you would put it,
24 "smoking this particular issue out"?

25 A. Yeah.