

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 on a monthly or weekly basis, because that was not our
2 role.

3 Q. I want to show you one more document that's
4 contained in Exhibit 64. It's a large white-covered --
5 THE CLERK Blue binder.

6 MR. MERRICK Blue binder. You've got in a blue binder.
7 At tab 9. It's an undated letter from your Mr. Russell,
8 and this goes back in sequence, I think, to the very
9 beginning of this application process. And it's one that
10 we haven't really been able to figure out how it fits in
11 the picture, and we're seeking your assistance. In
12 effect, it's referring to the application of November the
13 25th, '87, and it's a letter saying, "We regret to advise
14 that after due consideration your request is declined."
15 He says, "We've reached this decision because it does not
16 yield a net economic benefit to Canada."

17 Can you explain that letter? Was that a proposed
18 response at some point?

19 A. This possibly was attached to the letter that I sent
20 to the Minister de Cotret --

21 Q. With the two options?

22 A. -- with the two options -- no, with the one option
23 in which I recommended that we decline the project --

24 Q. Oh, yes.

25 A. -- and you asked me how did I arrive at that? Now,